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Allegheny College, '86

*"And Merlin called it 'The Siege perilous',
Perilous for good and ill; 'for there,' he said,
No man could sit but he should lose himself."*

Mary Ellen Seaver Scott died at the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Scott, Glenhurst, Junction City, Kansas, July 12th, 1902.

Miss Scott was born at Silver Creek, Chautauqua County, New York, April 14, 1866. She was prepared for college at the Westfield Academy, Westfield, New York, and matriculated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1882. She took her degree of A. B. at Allegheny in 1886, and her A. M. at the same college in 1889; upon the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Allegheny College in May, 1902, she was elected to that fraternity as one of the representatives of her class.

After leaving college, Miss Scott was in charge of the department of Latin and German in the State Normal School at River Falls, Wisconsin, 1894-1897. The year following, she studied at Chicago University, and from 1898-1900, she was principal of the High School in Belleville, New Jersey. Since 1900, she has been with Mr. George Davidson Rogers, engaged in literary and scientific work.

Miss Scott was deeply interested in fraternity work, and during her residence in New York was an enthusiastic

member of Gamma Alumnae. She was Gamma Alumnae's delegate to the convention of 1899 at Indianapolis, where she was elected President of Alpha District, and Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity. At the convention of 1901, in New York City, she was re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing two years. She has been associate editor for Kappa Alpha Theta in the publication of "History of the College Societies of the World" just issued by Doubleday, Page & Co.

To those of us who attended the Convention in July, 1901, her memory will ever be associated with the success of that gathering. For weeks before the 8th of July, her every effort had been directed toward the accomplishment of this end; her planning of details, her untiring zeal, her cheery helpfulness under discouragements and her strong personality inspired us all—the result lives and bears testimony to her worth. We remember her as she stood on the evening of the 12th of July, at the banquet to answer the toast set forth in the quotation from Tennyson with which this sketch begins. As Grand Treasurer, she had come into intimate relations with all the chapters, and the words she spoke to the delegates of those chapters, her duties toward them and her hope for faithful accomplishment will live in our hearts. She indeed "lost herself to save herself."

In the minds and hearts of all those who knew Mary Ellen Seaver Scott, she will be remembered as a capable business woman, as a scholarly woman, and as a woman devoted in her friendships—a fitting epitaph.

MRS. SADIE BOULTON.

New York City.

In Memoriam

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove by death our beloved sister, Mary Ellen Seaver Scott, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Gamma Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta, in our deep sorrow over the loss of a loyal sister, whose strength of character and high ideals have made us better women, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

ORDELIA A. LESTER,
Gamma Alumnae.

New York City.

Oct. 4, 1902.

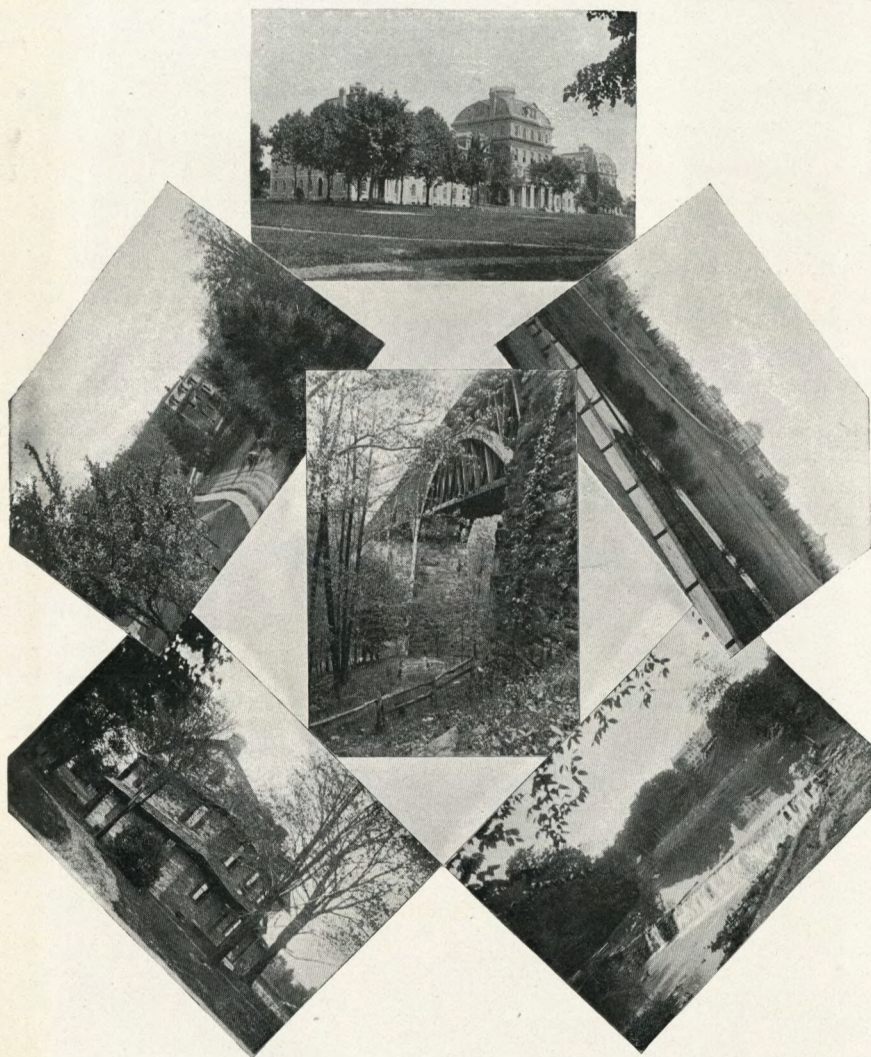
Resolutions of Mu Chapter

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has, in his infinite love and wisdom, seen fit to call to her heavenly home our dear sister, Mary Ellen Seaver Scott, be it

Resolved, That, while we would submit to his will in all things and thank him for this link in our chain which will always bind our hearts to Him, yet we most sincerely mourn the loss of one who has won our love and respect. And that we endeavor to follow the example of this one who never wore her Theta pin lightly and in whom the true Theta spirit was exemplified ; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, extend to her family our loving sympathy as sharers with them in their great loss ; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Mu Chapter and a copy sent to the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal for publication.



Views on the Campus at Swarthmore College
 College Building
 Benjamin West House

Beside the Crum Creek

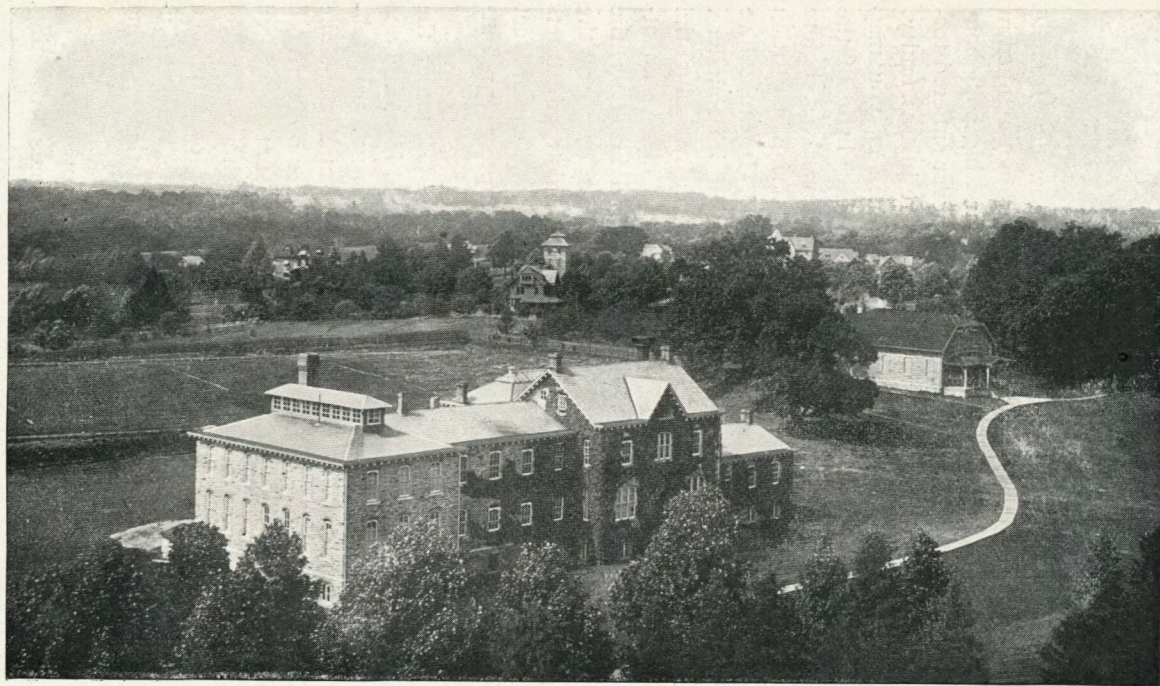
Science Hall
 Campus

Swarthmore College

Swarthmore, the Quaker College—how can I make you know just what that signifies? We are not arrayed in sober gray, with the quaint snowy caps and big poke bonnets our grandmothers wore. We have never suffered tortures for our religious convictions. We are just as faulty, fun-loving and ambitious a crowd of women as you may find in any college. Many of us knew but little of the Society of Friends, as the Quakers call themselves, before we came to Swarthmore, for it is a non-sectarian institution in its acceptance of students, but all of us, I think, love and revere the widely tolerant principles of its founders. And there is that intangible but wonderfully influential thing called "atmosphere" pervading our College, an atmosphere of friendly fellowship, of home and harmony, the presence or absence of which factors makes or mars the happiness of dormitory life. A college of this type attracts earnest, home-loving, home-living students, which fact makes possible the three good fraternity chapters representing *K K T*, *Π B Φ* and *K A Θ*.

Swarthmore College was founded in 1864, under the care of the Society of Friends. The original idea, and one which has been maintained throughout, was, not to establish a large university, but to create a small homelike centre of education, where unity should never be sacrificed to numbers. The necessary buildings were not completed until 1869, when the College was opened with a registry of twenty students in the Freshman class, and one hundred and fifty in the Preparatory School. At this time co-education was an almost untried experiment, but the far-seeing Friends had a firm belief in its possibilities.

In 1881 a very discouraging element appeared in the shape of a fire which destroyed the entire main building. But with their usual courage and generosity, Swarthmore's supporters came to the rescue, and the next year saw our



Swarthmore College—Birdseye View of Science Hall and Meeting House

present buildings ready for occupancy. About ten years ago, the Preparatory School was discontinued, and by steadily raising the standard of entrance and college requirements, the standing of Swarthmore at the present day is worthy of the highest ambitions of its founders. The students now number a few over two hundred, men and women, averaging about equal proportions.

The outlook for our College is particularly pleasing this autumn. Our new President, Dr. Joseph Swain, who has left the University of Indiana, comes to us with all his enthusiasm and love for Friends, of whom he is one. His loyalty to their College, and his innate genius for assisting educational progress, so aptly proved during his administration in Indiana University, promise well for Swarthmore. The College has astonished herself no less than outsiders, by raising the endowment fund from four hundred thousand to one million dollars in the course of a very few months, and at Dr. Swain's instigation. The loyalty of her friends and alumni is a never-failing source of congratulation to Swarthmore. To increase Alpha Beta's personal satisfaction in the advent of the new President, is the fact that his wife is a member of Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Swarthmore does not number her buildings by the dozen, or her faculty by the hundred, like many of her big sisters. The College lies about twelve miles southwest of Philadelphia, on one of the highest points of the most charming rolling country, with the Delaware River visible in the distance and a hazy line, known as New Jersey, beyond. The necessary buildings are better explained by illustration than description. But on our unusually attractive sloping campus stand two buildings such as I believe no Theta College can boast,—our "meeting-house" and the West House.

Every Sunday morning at 10:30 the "meeting bell" rings, and very soon a long line of students is to be seen wending its way from the main building to the little meeting-house on the hill. This quaint building, innocent of

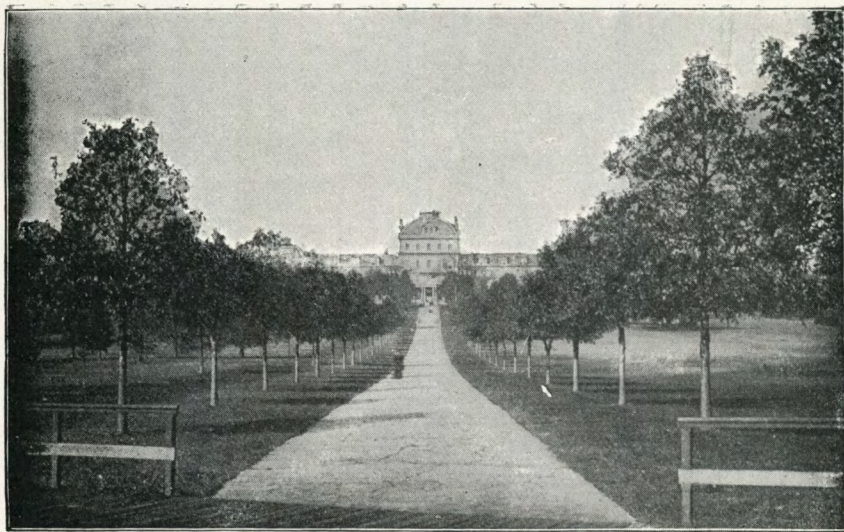


Swarthmore College—Skating on the Crum

stained glass or decoration, is the most truly Quaker symbol of this College. You who know naught of Friends may wonder at their Sabbath custom of spending an hour in silent worship, broken only by the voice of any Friend who feels that he or she has a helpful message to give. But in this day of breadth of religious thought, the fact of the individual freedom of belief granted to Friends, whose creed is right living and obedience to the voice of conscience, deserves thoughtful consideration. In connection with Swarthmore, to those who can rightly value the possibilities of a silent hour, amid the whirl and commotion of college life, the weekly meeting is a strength and inspiration.

As religion and art often go hand in hand, so we find close to the plain little meeting-house, the equally plain little home on the lower campus, all nestled in among the trees, with its lawn in May starred with great blue violets, —a little old-fashioned house, scarcely worth observing, until one learns that one of America's greatest artists was born there. You can almost imagine that you see curled up on the stone paved porch the same old cat whose soft fur naughty little Benjamin West so cruelly robbed to make his first paint brush. When Alpha Beta was very young she had the honor of using two rooms in the West House as chapter rooms. But with the advent of other chapters and the lack of other available rooms, these had to be given up.

Another building, neither very imposing nor very big, but dear to every Swarthmore woman, is Somerville Hall. Some years ago, there was felt a sore need for a gymnasium, but the college could not afford to build one at that time. With characteristic pluck, the alumnae and undergraduate students came to the rescue, and Somerville Hall stands as a proud witness to the indomitable perseverance of Swarthmore women. It was an especial triumph for us, as the men's gymnasium was not built until several years later. An annual reunion characterized as Somerville Day, has been established when students and alumnae



Swarthmore College—Front Walk and Main Building

meet for business and pleasure. On that day is given a further proof of Swarthmore loyalty, in the announcement of the winner of the Lucretia Mott Fellowship, which is supported by the alumnae, and which grants a year's further study to the successful graduating student, the competitors being confined to the women of the Senior Class. This study is usually pursued abroad, and we are proud of the fair records made by our representatives at Cambridge, Oxford, Berlin and other educational centers.

The college life itself, with all its rather complicated phases, its curriculum of studies, and labyrinth of clubs, is in the main that of other colleges. We study science, arts, letters and engineering, with their accompanying joys and sorrows. We belong to literary societies, and look wise during the weighty dissertations in the Scientific Society. We edit the "Halcyon" in our Junior year, wherein we display our literary talents at the expense of everyone, and we publish a weekly college paper, bearing the brave name of Phoenix. We have a musical association which has attained the distinction of a traveling season. We give class and college receptions, when alumni and students cultivate each others acquaintance, while our dormitory system offers innumerable possibilities for unique teas and "spreads," informal as they are delightful.

We enthuse over our athletic clubs, and skate and play hockey, basket ball, tennis and golf with indefatigable zeal and some skill, for athletics at Swarthmore find all encouragement from the faculty and most propitious environments. The men work hard and well at all the regular sports, but their leading glory is in the lacrosse team. Lehigh, Johns Hopkins, and in fact every lacrosse team in the United States which has stood on the field with Swarthmore's men, has had to bow its head to defeat, for in 1901, Swarthmore was United States champion in that most picturesque and increasingly popular game.

Our Seniors annually gather together all their forces and dramatic ability, and give a Shakespeare evening,

which is very truly a great credit to the college. We have not as yet produced a Mansfield or a Julia Marlowe, but hard drill and systematic elocution training, often combined with real talent, have developed wonderful results, and the college hall is always over-crowded on Shakespeare evening.

A subject of great interest in 1898 was the experiment of introducing student government for the women of Swarthmore. The men scoffed at it for us and would not hear of it for themselves. Some of the women were dubious, but the majority ruled, and student government is now an established fact, the success of which speaks for itself. Not perfect by any means, yet it develops a greater sense of responsibility in the rather girlish women of our college, and does away with the surveillance irksome to both faculty and students, which must otherwise exist in a college where the students are all under the same roof. The students have entire control of the order in the halls, and are responsible for any misconduct, appointing their own officers and reporting to them—a system similar in part to that of the student government of Bryn Mawr. The leading spirit and loving advisor in this movement was our beloved Dean Elizabeth Powell Bond, without mention of whom no article about Swarthmore would be complete. The most fitting description of Dean Bond's personality, and one applied to her more than once in College publications is embodied in that quotation, "And when she had passed, it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music."

I shall not attempt to give the comparative advantages of a small and large college. But some features of the small college are so much a part of the students' development at Swarthmore that they demand at least to be mentioned.

First and foremost is the personal interest and real friendship possible between student and professor. It is exceedingly helpful to meet socially men and women of culture who learn to know you as an individual apart from the lecture room; who let you see and enjoy their home

life, by entertaining you, not in crowded receptions, but cozy groups. The united feeling of good fellowship existing throughout the entire body of students has already been referred to. Then too is the encouragement to a participation in the public life of the college, where there are not so many to share it, and consequently a greater individual responsibility is felt. It must be very easy to just stand back, when there are some one or two thousand other people to take hold, and you are abashed at the multitude of rivals. But at Swarthmore every budding orator or athlete, writer or musician is seized upon and bidden to do his best, and shame to the one who fails to contribute his iota to Swarthmore's honor. And when, through an exaggerated estimate of our own importance, we show a tendency, proved in the present article, to inform others of our good points, our after experiences in the less lenient "wide wide world" prove a safe curative, and at the same time strengthen our love and loyalty to our Alma Mater.

CAROLINE FARREN COMLY, 1900.

Inter-Fraternity Conference Held in Chicago, May 24, 1902

In response to an invitation extended by Mrs. Margaret Mason Whitney, national president of Alpha Phi, representatives from the seven national college fraternities for women met at the Columbus Memorial Building, Chicago, Illinois, May the twenty-fourth, 1902, for the purpose of discussing the question of pledging and rushing, and of suggesting a set of by-laws to be adopted by all the fraternities represented, which should tend to the amelioration of existing conditions. The several fraternities were represented as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta—Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Chicago, Illinois.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Miss Margaret Jean Paterson, Chicago, Ill.

Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Lillian Thompson, Chicago, Ill.

Pi Beta Phi—Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Detroit, Mich.

Delta Gamma—Miss Nina Howard, Glencoe, Ill.

Delta Delta Delta—Miss Ivy Kellerman, Columbus, O.

Alpha Phi—Miss Minnie Ruth Terry, Evanston, Ill.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Terry, Alpha Phi. Mrs. Norton, Kappa Alpha Theta, was elected chairman, and Miss Terry, Alpha Phi, Secretary.

After an informal but important discussion of the questions at issue, during which the views of the societies represented were freely expressed through the delegates of each, the following motions, to be used as a basis of as many by-laws, if accepted by all the fraternities, were made:

1. Miss Howard, Delta Gamma, moved that no invitation to enter any fraternity be tendered before the second Friday in December. In case of matriculation later than the beginning of the college year, the invitation shall not be tendered until three months after the date of matricula-

tion. This shall be interpreted to mean that there shall be no pledging before the student matriculates.

This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Miss Howard moved that all invitations to enter a fraternity be official and sent by mail.

Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Miss Howard moved that ten days must be allowed to each candidate, after receiving an invitation, in which to make her decision.

Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Miss Howard moved that rushing be defined as discussing with any eligible student fraternities or fraternity matters, and entertaining by chapters, and that this be prohibited until the day of the formal invitation. This motion was seconded, but the vote resulted in a tie which the chairman decided by voting in the negative. The final vote stood as follows:

Yes—Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Phi.

No—Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta.

5. Miss Kellerman, Delta Delta Delta, moved that no part of the initiation ceremony, formal or informal, shall take place in public.

Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta, moved that in case of the infringement or transgression of any of the above rules, the offending chapter shall be reported to its national officers through the national officers of the chapter sending the complaint.

Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

The secretary was instructed to place upon the minutes, as the unanimous sentiment of the meeting the following:

1. That rushing, as defined in motion number 4, be discountenanced.

2. That as soon as practicable pledge day be placed at a later date than the one mentioned above.

3. That "lifting" be discountenanced.

It was recommended by this meeting that a similar meeting, called by each of the several fraternities in rotation, be held annually, to which a delegate shall be appointed from each of the several fraternities, the meeting of 1903 to be called by Gamma Phi Beta in St. Louis.

Meeting adjourned.

MINNIE RUTH TERRY, Alpha Phi, Secretary.

It seems hardly necessary to supplement Miss Terry's official report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference held at Chicago May 24th. The suggestions there voted upon are clear and intelligible to every fraternity worker. There were, however, a few ideas brought out in the informal discussion of the various questions which may be interesting to our chapters.

I think that all the delegates to the conference were surprised at the unanimity of our sentiments and convictions. The fraternities seem to have practically the same aims and ambitions—the abuses which have crept into our rushing methods are deplored by every active and alumnae member of the different societies.

While we all recognized that there are serious difficulties in the way of immediate accomplishment of our hopes, we felt that patient and persistent effort would gradually bring them to pass.

We discussed the lack of trust frequently existing between different chapters in the same college. We felt that publicity would be our safe-guard in such cases. If the agreement is made public in college and fraternity publications so that every freshman understands it at the outset, any violation of the pledge will be quickly discovered and every right-minded girl will lose respect for a chapter which breaks its word of honor. An offending chapter would at once lose prestige in the college world. The Grand Councils also would have an eye upon their under-

graduate chapters and would exert their influence to keep them loyal and to maintain the honor and dignity of the fraternity.

The most serious trouble seems to threaten from the non-secret college societies which would naturally not be represented in the compact. Time will probably set this matter right because these societies will appreciate the advantages of a general pledge day. In any event a thoughtful girl would not be in a hurry to bind herself to a local society and thus cut herself off from the distinction of being invited to join a national society. The success of the whole scheme depends upon educating the college girls up to the new standards. Every reform has appeared impracticable at the outset.

It is hoped that every fraternity convention will act upon the suggestions of the conference so that the Inter-Fraternity Conference of 1903 will be able to act with authority. No final definite action can be taken until then. In the meantime, individual discussion and enthusiasm must be relied upon to help the plan and to work towards its ultimate consummation.

LAURA H. NORTON.

The Pan Hellenic Conference Held in Chicago, May 24, 1902, and some Thoughts Suggested Thereby

Am I not voicing the sentiments of Kappa Alpha Theta when I heartily congratulate Alpha Phi, and its President, Mrs. Margaret Mason Whitney, upon bringing about the helpful meeting in Chicago, where representatives of so many of the women's fraternities met to consider the perplexing question of rushing? Details must be adjusted little by little, year by year, but I am confident that the right beginning has been made, and if women's fraternities, realizing the evils of the present system, loyally support each other in every effort to diminish the trouble, permanent good can be done. It will not do to let the petty details of adjustment discourage us, for verily their name is legion; but we can gradually but surely accomplish one great thing: we can help to form a public sentiment against violent and undignified practices. These ideals fostered by the best and strongest organizations, will penetrate quickly to the people in our college towns, to the high schools and to preparatory students everywhere. We shall surely receive first of all the hearty support and encouragement of our faculties.

We realize that men and women come to college to study. When we see how rushing causes their unnecessary absence from class work, to say nothing of the preparation of lessons wholly neglected, we realize that rushing has become a most serious drawback to the whole fraternity system in that it fails to foster the ideals of the University through which it lives. Further, the present system of rushing is proving a matter of serious consideration to families who can at times ill afford the heavy expense.

How can we help to bring about a better state of things? Let us see what efforts have been made already to this end.

In April, 1891, in Boston, a Pan Hellenic Convention was held at the call of Kappa Kappa Gamma. At that time, among many various topics, two recommendations were passed of interest to us at present:

1. That women's fraternities of each college appoint a committee to decide upon regulations for the control of pledging in that college.
2. That the practice of pledging and initiation of preparatory students be abolished.

This impulse in the right direction might have been productive of much good had the meetings been continued. Our own fraternity has attempted from time to time to secure faculty legislation or fraternity compacts, our whole impulse having been for many years to improve in these matters. Such an attempt was made at our Beta District Convention, in 1900. Correspondence with the chapters in that district has proved that separate and isolated attempts of one fraternity to secure ruling in separate colleges is ineffectual. Our Grand Council report of February, 1901, urged upon the chapters to find some solution to this problem. During the past spring Alpha Phi proposed that representatives of all the women's Greek Letter fraternities meet in Chicago to discuss the question of rushing, pledging and initiating, with a view to subsequent legislation by the several women's fraternities. This invitation of Alpha Phi came to me simultaneously with a proposal from our Delta Alumnae Chapter in Chicago, that Kappa Alpha Theta call such a meeting. Mrs. Whitney having already written to the other fraternities, it was a pleasure for us to show at once our willingness to further her suggestion. Moreover, about this time, according to report, the president of Kappa Kappa Gamma had received a letter from the president of Delta Delta Delta identical in thought and

purpose. All this goes to prove that throughout women's fraternities there is general dissatisfaction felt with present methods, and a general desire to improve them.

I strongly urge upon each of our chapters the careful consideration of these recommendations. We shall doubtless be obliged to modify them so that they shall meet the approval of all our chapters. In order to prepare the way for our discussions upon these recommendations, I make a few comments upon them.

1. By placing asking day on the second Friday of December, the distractions consequent upon such an event come just within the days allotted for examinations in many colleges, and would be most undesirable.

2. As some of our colleges open in the middle of August or the first of September, those matriculating on those dates cannot be invited to join a society until the second Friday in December, making a necessary delay of three and a half or four months; while according to motion 1 of this conference, anyone entering later than the opening of the college year may be asked at the end of three months. This inconsistency of course is only developed when we apply the motion to a certain few colleges which open very early.

3. It is still an open question whether certain details can be provided for:

a. Can we stipulate the kind or degree of rushing? What is compatible with dignity?

b. The expense of rushing—this varies very much in different places.

c. Shall rushing be done as a chapter or individually? If only individually, then a girl has no means of judging of the esprit de corps—the success of the fraternity idea.

d. If our rules apply merely to the date of pledging, and that date is postponed until late in the first term or the beginning of the second, will not our rushing merely be prolonged?

4. I heartily approve of the sentiment expressed in

the minutes that pledge day be placed at a later date than the second Friday in December. But on the other hand, I am adverse to making only sophomores eligible. In the first place the formative influence which a strong chapter is able to exert upon a young girl is largely lost if she does not come into the fraternity until she is a sophomore. Some argue that it is better that she develop by herself. It seems to me that the latter opinion is only of weight when the chapter is not what it should be. Granted it is an exponent of those principles for which the fraternity stands, no greater incentive could be given to the girl to develop the best that is in her. Again, young girls often discover latent abilities during their freshman year which the duties and pleasures of chapter life call out. Further, from the point of view of the chapter, no greater loss could occur, than to miss the spontaneous enthusiasm of the freshman, her eagerness to be of service, to enjoy, and always to be doing. Lastly if we initiate only those who have reached the sophomore year, freshman societies will be formed as auxiliaries to certain fraternities, and thus rushing will only grow more complicated.

5. By vote of our chapters on questions submitted to them this last May, the majority favor the one term plan: that is, no one shall be eligible to membership in a fraternity who has not completed one term of college work, asking day to be the first day of the second term. By this time the scholarship and general ability of a girl is known, and she in turn has been able to discover those who are most congenial to her. Affinities gravitate to each other, and more harmonious chapters will result. In a few instances there are strong local societies, which, governed by no such regulations, may seem to prosper by the restrictions governing the national societies; but our regulations being known to the public and approved by it, the respect thus engendered will offset any temporary disadvantages. For myself, I strongly urge upon Kappa Alpha Theta the furthering of the term plan.

With our present enthusiasm for a happy adjustment of these difficulties, it is not too much to hope that within the present year if any ONE regulation fails to meet the support of every women's fraternity, we at least shall be creating a general sentiment throughout our fraternities which, furthered by public opinion in our colleges, will aid us in approaching the ideal of simplicity and dignity.

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON.

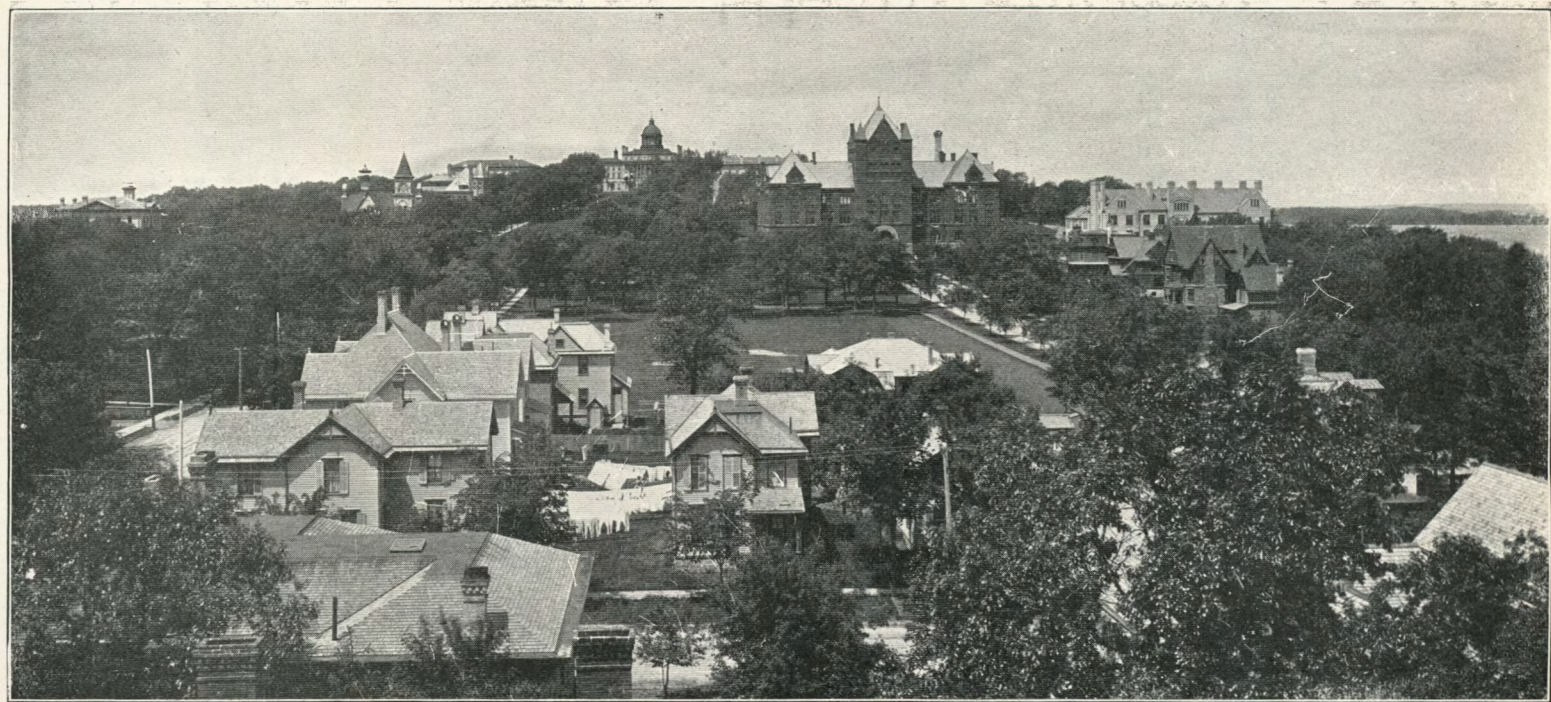
University of Wisconsin

Situated among the four beautiful lakes that moved Longfellow to song, the University at Madison possesses a charm of setting said to be equaled by no university save Cornell.

Four hundred and fifty acres of land have been devoted to the institution and for a mile they skirt the waters of Mendota. The buildings are arranged upon a hill, Main Hall standing upon the crest. On either side below are north and south halls once used as dormitories, now devoted to the Pharmacy and German departments. Farther down at the left stands the Law Building and directly opposite, the new Engineering Building erected in 1900 at a cost of \$100,000. Through the efforts of the late Dean Johnson this department received a great impetus, the number of students in 1899 showing an increase of forty per cent over the attendance of any previous year.

At the foot of the hill on the left, stands a Gothic building now used by the School of Music. This quaint building is half covered with ivy, squirrels frisk about its roof, and from its tower sound the chimes of the old University clock. The student mass meetings preceding foot ball games, and upon Fridays, the convocation of the students are held in this building. Chadbourne Hall stands near by, the home of a hundred girls. At the right of the campus are Science Hall and the Machine Shops. The Hall is pronounced by competent judges to be the best of its kind in this country.

Upon a lower campus is the new Library Building, which was a fitting monument for the fiftieth year of the life of the university. This building cost over half a million and contains over 215,000 books and pamphlets, ranking third in size and importance among the great historical libraries of the United States. It is said to be the



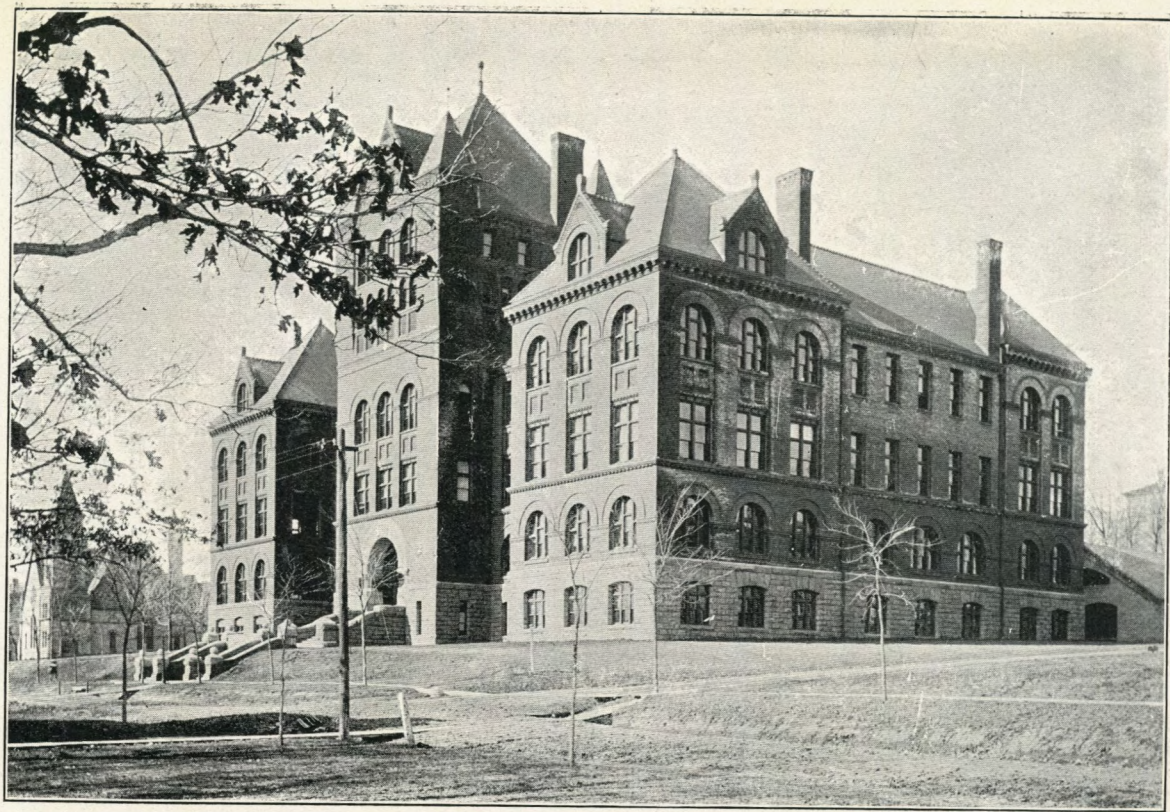
University of Wisconsin—Birdseye View of the Campus

most important reference library west of the Alleghenies. The historical society has been in existence from the time Wisconsin was a territory. Upon the campus before this Library the students march in military drill, then cross back to the Gymnasium upon the Lake front. The armory, Norman in style of architecture with battlements and turrets, presents a great contrast to the Library building with its Grecian colonnades. The equipment of its gymnasium is the best in the west, while its size is greatest of any in the country.

Sheltered at the rear, stands the boat house, where the crew shells are housed. Upon the farther side of the hill are the Agriculture and Horticulture Buildings, and the Washburne Observatory. Along the lake from Linden Drive are pleasant glimpses of the herds, the oak trees and the harmonious buildings of the University farm. The drives wind along the lake, and during the fall season, when the leaves are turning and the sumac lines are crimson they seem matchless in beauty.

During the year 1902 the instructional force numbered 177 professors and assistants. There were 2774 enrolled students; about one-fourth of this number were women. We are not threatened with the "overflow of femininity" that perplexed the University of Chicago, as this ratio has been practically the same for years. The slightly increased proportion of the women in the classical departments is counteracted by the numbers of engineering, agriculture and law students.

There are twenty per cent of the University men who "earn their way." The Y. M. C. A. acts as a helpful agency in securing and assigning employment. During the past year the association secured \$5000 worth of work for the students. This percentage is large enough to foster a democratic spirit. The student who is self supporting is usually zealous in class work, and intellectual power is the measure of distinction. The students are united by a great enthusiasm in athletic affairs and college spirit runs high.



University of Wisconsin—Science Hall

The following national fraternities have chapters established at the University of Wisconsin: Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Theta Delta Chi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Chi, and the honorary fraternities Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi. The sororities in order of founding are Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, and Chi Omega. All of the fraternities and all of the sororities own or rent houses. There are now no dormitories for men.

Five years ago the women organized a "Self Governing Association" with the following aims:

"To further in every way the unity of spirit of the women in the university, to increase their sense of responsibility toward each other and to be a medium by which the social standards of the university can be made and kept high." The association has done much towards accomplishing its purpose. The organization was founded under Dean Annie Emory, and during the last three years, when there has been no dean, the work has been heavy for the executive board. A petition has been presented asking that a dean be appointed but as yet it has not been granted.

A large number of literary and scientific clubs are supported by the students, and among them the most important perhaps are the debating societies. Athenae has been established over fifty years and numbers among its alumni many of the greatest public men the University and Wisconsin have ever produced. Hesperia, Philomathia and Olympia are well known for excellent work, and the girls have a similar organization, Castalia.

The University has Glee Clubs of both men and women, a banjo and mandolin club, and a band which furnishes music for the military hops. A choral society renders yearly several oratorios and concerts, assisted by prominent

soloists. Two dramatic clubs have been organized within the last few years, and from their marked success promise to be permanent, the Haresfoot and Red Domino.

Beside the Daily Cardinal, the students publish "The Sphinx" a humorous bi-monthly comparing favorably with similar magazines in the east, and "The Engineer," a quarterly magazine whose technical merit has attracted attention in Europe as well as in America. The Badger is



University of Wisconsin—Woodland

the University annual prepared by the Juniors. It is a beautifully illustrated book, devoted especially to the humorous aspects of college life, and showing, too, the literary and artistic ability of the students.

The social event of the year is the "Junior Prom" when the great armory is ablaze with light and the air is filled with music. The festivities come at the middle of the year, and last over two days, during which time the

many visitors are entertained with all the hospitality that college enthusiasts can give. There are a varying number of Military Hops, and Athletic Balls. The armory on these occasions is decorated only by gun stacks, while the men appear in military uniform.

Little has been said of the athletics of the institution; the work of the foot ball team and crew is well enough known. The gymnastics are carried on with equal thoroughness, and tennis, golf and basket ball receive due attention. Miss Mayhew, gymnasium instructor of the women,



University of Wisconsin—The Lake Path

stated at the Federation of Woman's Clubs, that the girls are in better physical condition when they leave the University than when they enter, in spite of heavy study and the social life.

The students have been saddened this summer by the deaths of Ex-President Adams and Dean Johnson. The legacy of President Adams shows how dear to his heart the University was. No successor has been chosen as yet.



University of Wisconsin—Library

The loss of Dean Johnson is a personal sorrow to every student. Rare it is that a teacher is known and revered by so many in so short a time. We are grateful for the lesson and inspiration of a life which was so grandly useful.

With the beautiful grounds and majestic buildings given us, and an instructional force which is a credit to the state, may the sons and daughters of Wisconsin be ever mindful that the end of learning is usefulness, and prove themselves worthy of the trust.

BLANCHE BRIGHAM, Psi.

The Women's Self Government Association at Wisconsin

Experience has taught us that where there is a number of people, government is necessary. In such a University as Wisconsin where the number of women students is large, faculty supervision is impracticable. A police force would have to be established to enforce the rules and a condition similar to that in a boarding school, where the girls declare that they wouldn't have a bit of fun if they couldn't break the rules, might be the result.

Madison thinks she has solved the problem by adopting the plan of Bryn Mawr in establishing a system of self-government. Miss Anna Crosby Emory, a Bryn Mawr graduate came to Wisconsin as dean of women. She felt the need of the girls for some governing organization, and suggested the plan for the Self-Government Association which was adopted by the girls in 1897. A constitution was framed and Miss Jessie Nelson was chosen as first president. This organization was to continue for one year only, but as it has been found to be practical and agreeable, it has been maintained from year to year.

Every woman in the university is a member of this association. The officers are elected in February, an appropriate time, since the Freshmen have had a chance to become acquainted. These officers, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, together with one representative from each sorority, the Hall, the town girls, and the non-residents who board in town, constitute an Executive Board. This Board has weekly meetings, at which questions pertaining to government, and the social life of the women are discussed.

In reality, the rules of the Association are very few. The women living at Chadbourne Hall, the dormitory, have rules governing the study hours, driving, calling, etc., and the one inexorable law is "All women attending uni-

versity parties must leave said party by twelve o'clock." These rules are the basis upon which the fraternities draw up their code of rules. All fraternity-house rules have to be submitted to the Executive Board which after examination, hands them to the Social Committee of the Faculty for approval. The President of the Self-Government Association may always consult this faculty committee when in need of advice.

It is generally accepted as an unwritten rule by the women who live neither in the Hall, nor in a fraternity house, to conform to the Hall rules as far as practicable.

The Social functions of the Association are an important factor in the college life at Madison. Early in the Fall, a large reception is given to all the women students. Care is taken by the older women to meet all the Freshmen to make them feel at home and to acquaint them with their new associates. Shortly after this the members of the Board endeavor to call upon each new girl, and put her at ease with her new surroundings.

Last November, several professor's homes were opened for Self-Government Association parties, all of which were held on the same evening. The Board members assisted as hostesses at the various houses. This was a new idea and proved itself to be a successful means of bringing the Freshmen together.

In University Hall, the Association has furnished a small room in which the girls may rest or study between recitations. Mrs. Adams, the wife of our retired president, contributed largely in money, furniture, potted plants, and pictures to this "Rest Room" as it is called. The money has been used in the purchase of magazines which add greatly to the attractiveness of the room. Every Wednesday afternoon from four to six, tea is served in the Rest Room, and every woman is invited to partake. The fraternities and literary societies serve in turns at these teas, which have been decidedly successful. The women of the faculty have been of great assistance to the students in the

establishment and maintenance of this room.

Amateur theatricals have sometimes been given to contribute to the funds necessary for the maintenance of the organization, and occasionally a small assessment is made. Until this year an Art Exhibit has been an annual event, but its work has been taken up by the Madison Art Association which has been recently organized.

The Self-Government Association has become a factor in Wisconsin's University life, and would be sadly missed if it should ever be dissolved. It creates a pleasant social, and wholesome moral atmosphere and tends to bring the student body into broader sympathy.

PSI CHAPTER

The Grand Council Summer Session

At Berkeley, California, between the 15th and 19th of July was held the first meeting of the Grand Council between conventions. It was most fitting that this meeting should be held in California, as two of our number are California women, and their cordial invitation to meet with them was gladly accepted. On account of the great distance it has been impossible for the Grand Convention to send its delegates to the western coast, for we have not yet reached the state when we are no longer obliged to reckon with dollars and cents. It was a great pleasure for the Council to meet the members of our western chapters and to catch something of the true spirit that pervades the college and fraternity world on the western coast.

We were very fortunate in meeting not only our Omega girls but we spent three days in Phi's home at Stanford, and were entertained most delightfully by our Iota Alumnae Chapter at Los Angeles.

Our headquarters at Berkeley were in Omega's commodious home but we were not content to remain in doors for our sessions. The sunshine tempted us to the spacious porch from which we had a magnificent view of the Golden Gate and the mighty Pacific beyond. Within a few blocks of the chapter house is the home of our Grand President, Ednah Harman Wickson. The Wickson garden was a most attractive spot to us with its hedge of scarlet geraniums, its profusion of flowers and well-laden fruit trees. In the center of this garden is an immense Chinese umbrella, fourteen feet in diameter and it was often our pleasure to hold an executive session of the Council, comfortably seated in the shadow of this gorgeous sunshade.

The Council sessions at Berkeley occupied the greater portion of four days—days filled with the closest attention to the business before us. On account of the death of



Ednah H. Wickson

Pearle Greene

Grace Eagleson

Adelaide Hoffman

Edith D. Cockins

The Grand Council in Executive Session at Berkeley, California

Miss Scott, there were no formal social functions but an opportunity was given us to meet the Omega girls who live in the vicinity of San Francisco. About forty of them gathered at the chapter house one afternoon and it was very gratifying to the members of the Council from the east to meet and to know our California Thetas. It is indeed an inspiration to find that so far from Theta's birth-place the little seed that was planted is bearing such a goodly harvest—but everything grows in that California soil, so they tell us—with water and sunshine—and these Theta ideals have been no exception to the rule. I wish you might all have the opportunity to meet the Omega and Phi girls in their chapter homes. Phi is buying her house and a beautiful place it is too. We were at Stanford for three days and enjoyed the hospitality of the Phi girls who were in the vicinity. It would have added greatly to our pleasure if we could have met the chapters while the Universities were in session but this privilege was denied to us on account of duties that called us east.

Our Iota Alumnae chapter in Los Angeles was most cordial in its hospitality and arranged a dinner at Santa Monica in our honor. Covers were laid for thirty. Ten Universities were represented and as many chapters. It was a small convention in itself and the hours passed all too quickly. Iota Alumnae chapter is full of enthusiasm and energy and although she is five hundred miles from an active chapter, her interest in Theta's welfare is as keen and her loyalty as great, as can be found in Theta's ranks.

E. D. C.

A Resume of the Proceedings of the Grand Council Meeting held July 15-23 at Berkeley and Stanford, California

The sessions opened with the following officers present: Grand President, Ednah Harmon Wickson, Berkeley, California; Grand Secretary and President of Gamma District,

L. Pearle Green, Stanford; President of Alpha District, Adelaide Hoffman, New York City; Editor of the Journal, Edith D. Cockins, Columbus, Ohio. The resignation of Alta Miller, President of Beta District having been received, Grace Eagleson of Columbus, Ohio, represented the district. The Council regretted sincerely that pressure of other duties necessitated Miss Miller's resignation. It is a deep satisfaction to feel that in this exigency another officer was at hand who is so abundantly able to meet the perplexing problems of so large and important a district.

With sorrowing hearts we turned to the task of expressing in some small way our sense of personal and fraternity loss in the death of our faithful and beloved Grand Treasurer, Mary Scott. The following resolutions were adopted by the Council:

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our beloved Grand Treasurer, Mary Ellen Seaver Scott, who died July 12, 1902, at her home Junction City, Kansas,

Be it resolved that the Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta herein express its deep sorrow at the loss of a sister so dear to each one of us, and that we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Be it further resolved that we bear witness to her loyalty, her unswerving devotion to duty and her love for her fraternity to which she was faithful even unto death.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each chapter, that they be spread upon the minutes of this Council, and printed in the fraternity Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON,
PEARLE GREEN,
ADELAIDE HOFFMAN,
GRACE EAGLESON,
EDITH D. COCKINS.

A partial summary of our May, 1902, chapter reports showed that during the spring term Kappa Alpha Theta had three hundred and ninety-six active members: fifteen special students among these active members, fourteen post graduates, eighteen members holding class offices, thirteen members holding office in the Young Women's Christian Association, seventeen holding office in various college societies other than the fraternity, fourteen represented on the staff of college papers and annuals.

Such activities are most desirable but it must be remembered that we can only be truly helpful to the college when fraternity interests are merged unselfishly in those of the college.

The reports of the visits made by the district presidents to the various chapters during the past year gave the Council a thorough understanding of the environment, and inner life of each chapter. It is our earnest hope that during the present year the remaining visits may prove an inspiration to all.

Extension—The Grand Council has during the past year been unwilling to present to the chapters for their favorable consideration any of the groups applying for membership. We have, however, been glad to welcome into the number of our alumnae chapters our new Kappa alumnae chapter of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and our new Lambda alumnae chapter of Athens, Ohio. The charter members of the former are: Emma Fowler Weeks, Phoebe Appleyard Staples, Clara Campbell, Maude Johnson Snodgrass, Grey Patterson, Irene Phillips Flattery, Alice Josephine Dinger, Ella D. Goff, Mae Goff Smith. The charter members of the latter are: Janette Golden Fish, Edith W. Sayre, Lizzie McVay Gillilan, Nellie H. Van Vorhes, Gladys McVay Skinner, Grace Hoyt Jones, Sara Ames Williams. These members of our Lambda alumnae chapter have held closely together during the many years that they have been at a distance from an active chapter. Having shown such loyalty to the fraternity, we welcome

them into our alumnae organization through which they will be enabled to influence the deliberations of the fraternity, and thus make for our betterment.

Journal—Great satisfaction is felt in the present means employed to improve our Journal, and with the faithful and efficient work of our Journal Editor, Edith D. Cockins. As a means of improving our Journal the Council recommends that the following suggestions be observed: Chapter letters shall be read aloud to the chapter, approved by the chapter, and signed by the author before being submitted to the Journal. The position of Journal correspondent should be filled by one of the most able members of the chapter. It should be an office of the greatest honor, for it is through these correspondents that Kappa Alpha Theta's active chapter life is published to the world. The ever recurring question of what means shall be employed to keep our alumnae in close touch with the problems immediately before us, leads us to ask that each active member, when she has received the Journals during the coming year, will see to it that at least one alumna not in an alumnae chapter has had an opportunity to see her copy. Will our active members help us?

Song Book—Miss Lucille Baldwin, editor of the song book, promised that we should be able to receive our copies at the opening of this college term. She said the price would be one dollar. According to a previous ruling, each chapter is required to purchase as many song books as there are active members at the time of publication. When word arrives that the books are ready, let us fulfill this obligation promptly.

Grand Convention—The invitation of Upsilon chapter and Beta alumnae chapter that we hold our next Grand Convention with them at Minneapolis was accepted by the Council provided nothing intervenes to make it expedient to go elsewhere. The date will be July, 1903. Our appreciation of this invitation is sincere. The Council's thanks were expressed to Phi chapter for its hospitable

invitation that the next Convention be held at Stanford. It is our hope that in the near future Kappa Alpha Theta may be able to bring its Grand Convention to this coast.

Inter-Fraternity Conference—The report of this Conference was read. Motion carried that the Council express its hearty approval of this movement and recommends serious consideration and discussion of the matter to each chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. The Council expressed its approval of Mrs. Norton's efficient service at this meeting.

The Council expressed its appreciation of the earnest work of May K. Flannery, chairman of the educational committee, and of Leone Gould, Keeper of the Archives.

Effort to promote the welfare of the fraternity in her every department was made at this Council session. As a result of these meetings it is earnestly hoped that during the coming year the Council may be able to serve the chapters efficiently.

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON,
Grand President.

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A Convention Suggestion

It was my privilege to be at Asbury Park this summer when the Friends' General Conference met there. While the children and I held our happy sessions on the sand, the big auditorium was filled with earnest men and women seeking counsel and encouragement from each other. As Swarthmore is a strong influence in the Society of Friends, and Kappa Alpha Theta is an important factor in the college life Alpha Beta chapter was well represented at the Conference. A score of us were there, mingling with the crowds at the meetings, passing greetings on the boardwalk, and sitting down for a chat and a play with the children in the sand. It was cruelly suggested that some of us appeared at the auditorium only at the close of the meetings, but the atmosphere was full of high thoughts and kindly feelings and we could but be benefited. Hannah Clothier Hull, Annie Hillborn and Ellen Pyle nobly represented us among the active Friends.

All Swarthmore, indeed all Friends, are rejoicing over the coming of our new president, Dr. Joseph Swain. All Alpha Beta girls are proud that Mrs. Swain is a Theta from Beta chapter. She and her husband were of course at the conference and many of us had there our first opportunity of greeting them.

One of the most interesting papers of the week was on Public Charity by Homer Folks, commissioner of Public Charity for New York City. His wife who was with him is a Theta from Pi chapter. Ten years ago some of us met

her at Swarthmore when her husband was beginning the career which has placed him in the front rank of reformers and public spirited men.

One day the little colony of Thetas was excited by the rumor that Myra Post had been seen and talked to on the boardwalk. She had had only a few hours to stop off in Asbury Park. The pity was that she could not stay to meet us all and to join with Thetas, young and old, from east and west, in an earnest talk.

As the glorious days passed one by one, with the children's happy play and the friendly intercourse of the elders, the thought constantly was with me that a convention of Kappa Alpha Theta held at some similar resort, with plenty of time given for the social life as well as the fraternal would be a great boom to the society. Young mothers would be able, as I was, to give their children an outing at the same time and place, teachers would be glad to spend there a part of their vacation. The college girls would have the encouragement of a number of their alumnae and the alumnae would be glad to strengthen old ties and form new ones.

I would not in this ideal convention of my mind have our attention called only to the work of our own body of women. I would have equal rights presented by an enthusiast for that cause. I would have an address on social purity given by a devout lover of human kind, nor do I believe we need go outside our numbers to find women deeply interested in these and kindred movements.

Vices are virtues gone to seed they say. Our fraternity is good we hold, but we must not let it degenerate into a faction. It should be a mellowing influence, a source of strength, a happy inspiration to us and to all our world. If we hold the universal, the womanly idea of the work of the fraternity, the pin will not be laid aside with the cap and gown, but will be worn as proudly by belle and teacher, wife and mother.

CAROLINE SARGENT WALTER.

Pan Hellenic

Our annual Pan Hellenic banquet at Allegheny has come to be such an established fact that we accept it as many of the good things of life, without thinking that perhaps we might share it with others. At our last banquet we had with us a Pi Beta Phi to whom a Pan Hellenic gathering was a new experience and it has occurred to me to describe our banquet hoping that next year every college where there are at least two sororities represented may have its own Pan. No doubt many of our chapters know what this means, but, for the benefit of the few, let me say that Pan Hellenic, as the name signifies, is a gathering of all the Greeks. Once in the year differences are laid aside, we meet as Greeks, and we are surprised to know how much we have in common. All strife is forgotten and Kappas and Thetas, Alpha Phis and the girls of Kappa Delta Epsilon meet and greet one another as sisters.

Upon entering the banquet hall the Pan Hellenic yell is given followed by the calls and yells of the sororities in the order of their establishment. Each sorority in turn chooses the toast-mistress and each is represented with a song and a toast. After the banquet we meet "in hearty human fellowship together" and, with the exception of our own banquet, I believe to many of us this is the most enjoyable event of the college year.

As sorority women we are criticized by many people and by thus meeting once in the year we are reminded that for the sake not only of our own sorority, but for Greekdom at large we must live up to our ideals.

We who have tried the experiment successfully believe that this Pan Hellenic meeting does much to broaden our sympathies and to promote that feeling of sisterhood and common interest which should and does exist between Greek letter sororities.

E. S. D. MU.

Have you ever heard one girl say of another, "Yes, we were great friends at school, but now that we are in different college fraternities, we don't see much of each other"? I have known several cases of this kind and have always felt sorry for the girls concerned.

Very often two Freshmen come to college who were chums at school for years. As soon as they enter the University both are rushed and each one enters a different fraternity. While they are being rushed they will be just as good friends as ever; but gradually, as they realize that they are going to be separated, their relations toward each other become a little strained, and while they are outwardly as good friends as ever, they are by no means each others' confidantes. Their intercourse grows less and less, and finally drops into almost a mere speaking acquaintance.

Why should this state of affairs exist? Why shouldn't these girls be just as good friends after initiation as before? Is it the mere fact of their belonging to different societies, or is it because they become so wrapped up in their new interests that they lose sight of the old ones?

The fraternity is partly at fault for this. When a Freshman is initiated, it so impresses her with its own importance in the college world and its superiority over all other similar organizations that the girl soon learns to almost look down on members of other societies. This is a great mistake,

Then again, the girl is at fault. She allows herself to become so absorbed in the fraternity that she forgets everything else. But she should not. She will become very narrow and one-sided if she allows her outside interests to be swallowed up by the more limited ones of the fraternity. The girl who gets the most benefit from her college course is the one who adopts just the opposite scheme from the one above.

One might think from this rambling little talk of mine that I was disparaging the fraternity friendship, but of course I do not for I know from experience how loving and

lasting they are. But I do want to impress the importance of keeping up your school interests in your college friendships.

CAROLINE DAY, Omega.

The Song Book

It was with a great deal of joy that we heard the news that the Song Book is to be out in October.

Singing is already an important factor in probably all of the chapters and it does much toward drawing the girls into closer fellowship and in helping to express that loyalty to Theta and each other which we all feel.

The new book will certainly lend a new inspiration when we can feel that our sisters in other colleges are uniting with us in singing the same Theta songs.

RHO.

Looking Backward

What a pang it gives us when with a sheepskin and degree in our possession we bid farewell to our Alma Mater and realize that our days of active fraternity life are over. Our real interest and love may remain unchanged but the daily work in the fraternity is a thing of the past. We know that it will take only a subordinate place among our other interests. We may not wish it to be so, but life for us has changed and new duties call.

With this realization comes regret for lost opportunities. We think of the things we might have done for the fraternity and what satisfaction there is in remembering the times when we did put aside our individual opinions and inclinations for the general good. It is in the fraternity that we form the habit of regarding ourselves not as isolated and independent centers but as parts of a whole organization. When we leave its confines, this knowledge helps us to value other personalities and to judge charitably, others whose outlook is different from ours.

It is hard sometimes to put our personal prejudices and

wishes aside and to be unselfish, but the fraternity gives more and means more to us proportionately as we do this. It certainly was bitter when we saw the honors which belonged to us go to someone else or when we had done the work, to see someone else get the credit for it. Who of us has not had that experience and in the end gained from it.

You who are the privileged members of the active chapter take the advice of one who has left the chapter circle and be unselfish especially in little things. It is far easier to give up in big things for they seem worth while. We talk much of our ideals but in ordinary daily life do not put them into practice. We can all of us think of instances of this where we answered in self defense, "but it was such a little thing."

Let us not wait for some crucial moment, some great occasion, but let us make the small sacrifice, even though no one seems to value the effort. Each one of us will find it to be true in the fraternity as in everything else—"there can never be one lost good."

Losing a Girl

While no one will say that a girl's friends in college should be confined exclusively to the members of her own fraternity chapter, yet it is true in general, that the fraternity should constitute a very satisfying circle of friendship. In addition to the fact that such is the fraternity ideal, there is the further reason that, in four years of college life, opportunity is given for the cultivation of only a few real and lasting friendships. There is something to be said in favor of the intensive as opposed to the extensive nature of this cultivation.

It is a serious reflection on the character of the fraternity if, instead of getting the most out of the chapter as it is, one is constantly speculating on the potentialities of what it might become, even conceding the merit of the spirit of "divine discontent." The strength of the chap-

ter ought to be assured by the character of the girls it has, and not to depend on any one outside.

We at Minnesota, and we do not consider our case an isolated one, are too likely, in the interest of rushing, to become persuaded that our life happiness, individual and collective, hangs on the "yes" of a single girl, when past experience and calm reason unite in assuring us that such is far from being the case. The number of girls "lost" or "won" is by no means a comprehensive test of the real strength of a chapter, since we know that many other factors than the attractiveness of the members of a particular chapter often enter in to induce a girl's decision in joining a chapter.

Let us inculcate then, more of the spirit that will characterize our lives after we leave the college halls—self dependence, assurance, competence. There is no gain in the battle of life without much risk and some loss, and our complete overthrow is not to be feared from an occasional loss.

GLENN STOCKTON.

The Theta and the Other Girls

One of the surest evidences of a chapter's worth is its standing among the girls of the college in which it is established. Their opinion is usually the effect of that chapter's courtesy and kindness, rather than of competition or glamour of social standing. The faculty may commend the ability, the boys may admire the brilliancy, the alumnae may glory in the success of the chapter, but the other girls who work at the next laboratory table have an opinion based upon the best foundation of all.

There can be no greater compliment paid a Theta than to say that she was trusted and liked by the girls in college. It often seems difficult to gain the friendship of the girls outside the chapter. We are so busy, and then our own girls have so much more to offer than we can appreciate.

If the Theta love of which we talk so frequently, is of the right nature, it is not confined to our own circle, but is larger and broader. It ought to make us sympathize, and feel an interested kindness in others. The number of our intimate friends will always be limited, but the number of our acquaintances is unlimited. A fraternity girl has a greater or less degree of prominence, which is very easy to abuse or to use in making college life more attractive to others. The only way that outside girls have of judging the true worth of Theta ideals is the effect of those ideals upon the Thetas whom they work with. The girl who is the most agreeable and friendly towards her class mates is the truest to Theta. We ought to be interested in college interests. In our zeal for our fraternity work we are liable to under-rate the value of college activities, which are very dear to others. Love for Alma Mater is a common meeting ground for all girls.

The other girls are quick to feel the attitude of a Theta. They don't want to be pitied, in fact they may pity us at times. They don't want to be patronized or to be worked for, they want to be worked with. It is a good thing to forget you are a Theta, and be just an enthusiastic college comrade. The Theta who attends a Y. W. C. A. reception for the purpose of swelling the chapters's attendance there, and feels as she does when she goes to mission, has yet to learn that we Thetas can often be taught far more than we can ever hope to teach. The Theta who goes because she feels an interest in other girls, and their pleasures and ideals is always the best worker within the chapter. If our fraternity means anything to us, it ought to mean something to others, or it has no right to exist. The freshman always answers, "tell me exactly what to do and I will do it." It is true that we can't actually do a great deal but it is the spirit and courtesy manifested towards others that is important. Yet we have a few opportunities offered every day. We can try and cheer the lonesome girl at the the next locker, help or be helped by the girl who works

experiments with us, lend our notes to the girl who is behind, or help a girl out of some embarrassing position at a party. We must remember that we usually have to take the initiative, as most girls are afraid of appearing to rush us. Some girls through oversensitiveness, will repulse any approach on our part. The most difficult girl of all to deal with is the girl who has been "rushed and dropped." She can soon tell how much or how little she has missed.

Any discourtesy on the part of a fraternity girl to others is usually due to her satisfaction in her chapter, or to nothing but sheer thoughtlessness, which is the cruelest form of selfishness, for it rides roughshod over one's most trivial and most dear subjects with equal unconcern. Theta gives to us so much benefit and happiness that we have an added responsibility. Let us show the other girls that we stand for something better than a social organization, formed for selfish ends, by our unconscious kindness and our readiness to help and to be helped.

GRACE W. LAVAYEA, '03 Upsilon

Isn't it odd the difference those words, *active* and *alumnae*, make? Now this difference does not mean a kind of hostility at all, but it does mean that the girls who were among the hardest and the best workers in the chapter must step out and watch the younger, less experienced girls take their places.

It is hard for the active girls to realize that the alumnae have the same love for the fraternity and the same interest that they have, and often they grow impatient at the proffered advice. The active girls must understand that this disregard of one's wishes, however kindly done, must be hard for those who were once active girls themselves, but are now, in a way, powerless. They must also understand that being out of college does not mean that one no longer enjoys college life. The alumnae like to be with the

active girls and to have a share in all the plans for the chapter's good. They in the position of onlookers, can see much that is needed in a way, that the chapter girls can not.

And yet there is also a part for the alumnae to fulfill. If the active girls over-look their well-meant advice and plans, let them remember that this is not peculiarly the fate of those who are out of college, for how often does an active girl see her pet and most cherished scheme set gently but firmly aside, when she brings it out in that solemn assembly, known as chapter meeting. If some time in little attentions the alumnae feel neglected, let them remember their own busy and hurried college days and forgive.

One of the greatest lessons, and often the hardest, of fraternity life, is to learn to give up, and to forgive, and surely this lesson is not so hard, either for active girls or alumnae when we remember we are all Thetas together.

JOSEPHINE THOMAS, UPSILON.

Editorials

For the first time in her history, Kappa Alpha Theta has been called to mourn the death of one of her national officers. Mary Ellen Seaver Scott, our beloved Grand Treasurer, died on July 12th, 1902, at her home at "Glenhurst," Junction City, Kansas. For many weeks Miss Scott had been suffering from heart trouble and against the counsel of her physicians in New York she made the long journey across the continent, that she might be with her kindred. She felt that perfect quiet and rest would aid nature in a rapid restoration to health and strength and her never-failing courage helped her endure the weary days of travel to bring her to her home and friends. She was in a helpless condition when she reached "Glenhurst" and lingered between life and death for five weeks. Through all her illness her indomitable courage and energy kept alive the spark of life within her. She could not realize that her life's work was ended and was constantly thinking and planning for the future. Before her friends who were anxiously watching by her bedside realized it, the tired heart had stopped its beating and the life-light had gone out—the end had come when it was least expected by the anxious watchers. Her death was a great shock to all of her friends who had waited eagerly for tidings—hoping almost against hope—feeling that her splendid courage would somehow carry her through.

In the death of Mary Scott, Kappa Alpha Theta sustains a loss that is felt keenly throughout the length and breadth of the fraternity. For the past three years Miss Scott has been a member of the Grand Council and has ever been a tower of strength in this executive body of the fraternity. Her opinion on all matters relating to the fraternity carried with it great weight, for it always showed a full understanding of the matters under consideration and

her judgments were characterized by fair-mindedness and rare good sense.

As Grand Treasurer of the fraternity, Miss Scott was brought into close touch with each chapter—a relationship which she enjoyed to the fullest extent. Her interest in the fraternity was unbounded and her labors for the good of Kappa Alpha Theta will ever be remembered. Even in the last days of her illness she thought of her fraternity work which she had not had the strength to do and begged that her books be brought to her bedside. Her fraternity business had always received her prompt attention and her carefully kept ledgers speak eloquently of the many hours that she had so generously given to this labor of love.

The life that has gone out still lives in the many deeds of kindness, the many cheery words spoken, the many unselfish acts that characterized her daily life. She was devoted to her friends—always loyal, always helpful. Her presence was an inspiration. She possessed that rare sunny temperament that made her a welcome guest wherever she went and her keen wit was a constant source of pleasure to those about her. She was beloved by all who knew her and her untimely death is sincerely mourned by hosts of loving friends.

Her devotion to duty and her devotion to the fraternity which she loved with her whole heart will ever be to us a beautiful memory. She was always loyal and always faithful to any trust—one of God's true noble women.

It is with pleasure that we announce that since the last issue of the Journal two new alumnae chapters have been added to our chapter roll; Kappa Alumnae chapter at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Lambda Alumnae at Athens, Ohio. This banding together of our alumnae is an evidence of strength that we note with much pride and satisfaction. The chapter at Athens, Ohio is comprised

largely of the members of Zeta chapter which became defunct many years ago and this evidence of their loyalty and devotion to the fraternity, although separated for so many years from the stimulating influence of an active chapter, is worthy of the highest commendation.

The Inter-Fraternity Conference which was held in Chicago on May 24th to discuss some plans for the regulation of "rushing" was certainly a step in the right direction. While this problem cannot be settled definitely for all time at any one meeting, still the adoption of some regulations may result from this conference, which will remedy in a measure evils of the system as it exists. No one fraternity is satisfied with the present conditions and all agree that something ought to be done. The result of this conference is printed elsewhere in this number and the thoughtful attention of every Theta is called to this article. It is hoped that the recommendations will be discussed in the chapters during the current year that there may be an intelligent consideration of this matter at the next Grand Convention.

The Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta met in Berkeley, California, July 15th to 19th. This was the first time that a meeting of the executive body of Kappa Alpha Theta has been held between Grand Conventions, and the benefits of this meeting we hope will be felt throughout the fraternity. Many questions that will be placed before the next convention were brought up and discussed at length and the work of the convention was largely planned.

It is with much regret that we announce the resignation of Miss Alta D. Miller of Evanston Illinois, as President of Beta District. Miss Miller was unable to continue her fraternity work as District President on account of other duties that demanded her attention. Miss Grace

Eagleson of 84 North Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was appointed by the Council to complete the term of office left vacant by the resignation of Miss Miller.

At the meeting of the Grand Council in July, Miss Edith D. Cockins, of 1348 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was appointed Grand Treasurer, to complete the term of office left vacant by the death of Miss Scott.

The Catalogue has been out since last Spring and yet a surprisingly small number of these books have been sold. The book was ordered printed by the Grand Convention which ought to mean that each chapter expected to do its duty in the purchase of these books. If the books are not sold in sufficient numbers to pay for the publishing of the same, a per capita tax will have to be levied. Would it not be better to purchase a catalogue than to pay a tax and receive no book in return?

The song books are ready for distribution. The chapters are urged to send in their orders promptly to Lucille Baldwin, 215 Furman Street, Syracuse, New York. Let us get our song books and let us use them so that at the next Grand Convention we may all be familiar with the SONGS OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Alumnae Department

DELTA ALUMNAE—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

It seems incredible that since our last meeting in the early part of May, four whole months have slipped noiselessly and swiftly away—so swiftly in fact, that had it not been for the timely reminder of our Grand Secretary, almost on the very eve of October fifth, the chapter letter of Delta Alumnae might not have been forthcoming. Not, however on account of any forgetfulness of our duty toward Theta, and still less from any feeling that the letter writing is a task—nay. Rather, we find great pleasure in being afforded an opportunity for a short, confidential chat with our many distant friends, and experiencing a sense of nearness and intimacy which could not be enjoyed otherwise. But the Alumna has so many outside things to attract her attention, interests entirely foreign to college life and fraternity matters, that she is quite unprepared to find the day so near at hand which calls for her first contribution of the year. Her thoughts reach back to her own college days, when, as the member of an active chapter, she was going through the excitement of the fall rushing, and feeling the thrill of conquest glowing in her blood. Is there a single Theta Alumnae who does not wish herself back again at such a time, feeling the same old thrill of life, walking through the dingy old halls of the college buildings, playing the same old pranks, and loving the same old girls? I doubt it.

Our Alumnae chapter, however, offers us an outlet for our pent-up enthusiasm, and in our meetings we bring forward and discuss plans for the upholding of Theta's ideals and the perfecting of her organization.

We, therefore, hope and urge that all Thetas who live in or near Chicago, will give us their hearty co-operation

this year, making our meetings full of life and interest. We are always to be found on the *third Saturday* of every month, beginning with October, in Marshall Field's Tea Room. The meeting opens at 10:30 a. m., and a very dainty little luncheon is served at fifty cents a plate at twelve o'clock. Any wandering Thetas who happen to be passing through Chicago, or who are in Chicago on any of these Saturdays, we shall be glad to welcome most heartily.

Cordial greetings to all the chapters, and wishes for success in their many undertakings throughout the year.

IRENE EDNA PARKES.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Zeta Alumnae chapter has resumed her work with renewed interest and ambition.

Our active membership numbers thirty, with a wide spread associate membership still, which we hope to convert into more active service and interest during the coming year. This requires especial effort in the Alumna chapter, where no college exists to furnish the natural inspiration to active interest. That especial effort we shall not spare.

For our winter's work we have chosen a comparative study of Wordsworth and Tennyson, from which work we hope to derive both pleasure and profit. And for each and every Theta in this broad land of ours, we wish the benefits and blessings we ourselves hope to receive.

ETA—BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Eta has but one event to chronicle in this issue of the Journal. During commencement week, through the kindness of Mrs. Boynton and Miss May O. Boynton, our Secretary, we were enabled to give our annual June reception in their pleasant home instead of at Grassmount, as we have done before. We have often gladly availed ourselves of the

Boynton hospitality, but never when a more enjoyable time was spent. Some one hundred Alumnae and students of both our own and other colleges accepted our invitation, and made much of the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. We value such occasions for ourselves, in that they bring us into touch with women of other college associations and interests than our own, stimulating us to do more and better work as Thetas.

We are greatly interested in the results of the opening weeks of college for our active chapter, and extend to all chapters both active and alumnae, our heartiest good wishes for the work of the coming year.

MAY W. RUSSELL.

IOTA—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The close of the college year means the sorrow of parting for girls in undergraduate life, but the season is joyful for an alumnae chapter, bringing back the "active" girls for vacation. We, of Iota alumnae, count this summertime meeting with representatives of Omega and Phi, as one of our happiest privileges. This year, the second Saturday in June saw a gay tally-ho load of us driving out to the Ostrich farm, and then around to Griffith's park, where we had a picnic luncheon in the canon, surrounded by just enough poison oak to give a spice of California danger.

On Wednesday, July 30th, we had the great pleasure of meeting three members of the Grand Council, Miss Cockins, Miss Hoffman and Miss Eagleson. A trolley party to Santa Monica, and dinner at the Hotel Arcadia, gave us the much desired opportunity of becoming really acquainted with our guests, and this was a privilege we shall long remember. We are looking forward to a successful year, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. J. B. Lippincott, our president. Our best wishes for prosperous happiness are with each Theta chapter.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

To all her sister chapters, Iota sends the warmest greetings. May they prosper as she is doing, and may the loss which we have sustained in the death of our beloved treasurer, Miss Scott, serve only to bind us nearer to each other.

Our return this fall was gladdened by the presence of Mable Hale and Fannie Demick Lyon, whom we had missed for a year. While we still feel that no one can compensate us for the loss of our seniors of 1902, we are glad to welcome Mabel Hornbrook, from Alpha Delta.

In accordance with her conservative principles, Iota is endeavoring to truly know the character of each girl whom she intends to pledge, and to give the new girl an opportunity to know her. For this purpose we have given various entertainments. At card parties, drag rides and chafing-dish suppers, the girls have seen us as a whole. Then, we have learned to know them individually, walking, rowing and driving. Up to the present time only three girls are actually wearing the pledge-pin. We hope, however, soon to present several others, and we feel that when these are added to our family of sixteen, we will be in as flourishing a condition as could be desired.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

As we send our first letter to the Journal, it is the wish of the members of Lambda to express their sorrow to their sister chapters at the great loss which has come to us all, through the death of Miss Scott.

The opening of the college year finds Lambda back

once more in the same rooms which she occupied last year. The chapter is very small, numbering only eight, for we have lost three Seniors, two Sophomores and two Freshmen from our last year's circle.

In our college work we miss very much Professor Howes, the professor of Greek, who is teaching this year at the American School of Athens, and Professor Huff, the German professor, who, on account of ill health, has been granted a year's leave of absence. It is with great sorrow too, that we record the death of Professor Torry, the professor of Philosophy. He had been teaching at the University of Vermont for many years, and was beloved by alumni and students alike. In spite of these vacancies the college is in a very prosperous condition. The entering class is a large one and everything seems to point to a successful year.

Of course just now we are especially interested in the Freshmen, and are trying to get acquainted with them all as fast as possible. The Y. W. C. A. of the college gave an informal reception for the new girls at Grassmount, on Wednesday evening, September 24th, and there we had a chance to meet them for the first time. On Wednesday evening, October 1st, the college Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., gave a reception for all new students at the college gymnasium. As a chapter, we have entertained the Freshmen, with an informal afternoon tea at the home of one of our alumnae.

Lambda sends greetings to all the chapters, and best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The girls of Mu enjoyed exceedingly their reunion in the Spring. We were so glad to have with us Margaret Huckell and Anna Slease of Alpha Delta, and also two of our original charter members, Mrs. Sturtevant and Miss Margaret Hartman. Our annual camp was held at Con-

neaut Lake, and all of the girls had a thoroughly good time.

We are very fortunate in having all of our girls back in college, except two of our Seniors, Jennie Brawley and Grace Jenks. Maude Shadduck who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the spring, is teaching in the Preparatory school, and doing post-graduate work.

The girls' societies at Allegheny have entered into a contract to do no pledging for three weeks, so we have nothing to report about the new girls.

The first attempt of our fraternity, as a whole, to get acquainted with the newcomers, was at a supper in our fraternity rooms, the first Saturday of the new term, Anna Haskins, one of our most loyal Alumnae, gave a progressive dinner to Theta and her friends, that was a decided success. Our last function was a party at the home of Helen Anderson. The principal feature of the evening was progressive games. Besides these affairs, our teas and luncheons have been numerous.

We have had as visitors this year, Vena Fenno '95 and Maude Bartholomew, ex-'03.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Chi's college year has opened very quietly.

Since we separated in June, two of our sisters, Ada Lucas and Eveline Johns Taylor have been taken from us. Our hearts are full of love and sympathy for those, who together with us, have suffered such a loss.

We are glad that Edistina Hendrix of Beta chapter, is to be with us this winter. Beta's ears must have tingled during the past two weeks, for we have kept Edistina busy answering questions. We are really beginning to feel quite well acquainted with our western sisters.

This year Chi is trying the plan of not pledging in the Fall. We have formed no compact, but have simply announced that we would not pledge until after the January examinations. Several little informal gatherings have been

given at the Chapter house, also one evening reception, just to meet some of the Freshmen, but we have done very little "rushing."

Syracuse University opened this fall with buildings and campus free from debt and with prospects of a registration of over nineteen hundred.

With a bright outlook for our university and chapter, we can not but feel that the present year will be one of the best in the history of Chi.

ELIZABETH L. RICE.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

September, and with it the resuming of college duties, finds Alpha Beta returned to Swarthmore, ready, with energy renewed by the summer rest, to work for the honor of the fraternity whose name she bears. During the past happy months of vacation, most of the chapter were fortunate enough to see something of one another, thus helping to lessen the length of separation.

During the week immediately following the close of college in June, we held our annual house party, at a most ideal, old-fashioned farm house, near New Hope, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ellen Williams Battin, Alpha Beta '92, chaperoned us. On Saturday, a number of the college men arrived to spend Sunday with us. Boating, hay rides, walks and drives, with mandolin music and a full moon, served to pass the time delightfully; so that the whole week was in every particular a decided success, and will always be one of the bright memories of our college days.

Caroline Clothier, during her summer stay at Jamestown, Rhode Island, enjoyed meeting several of the girls of Alpha Epsilon, of whose warm hospitality and cordiality her accounts are most enthusiastic.

At the conference of the Society of Friends at Asbury Park, New Jersey, shortly before the opening of college, many of us, active and alumnae, were brought together again,

and there had the pleasure of meeting for the first time, Swarthmore's new President and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Swain, formerly of Indiana University. Alpha Beta is proud and happy to greet Mrs. Swain of the Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. All Swarthmore is agreed that Indiana's loss is indeed Swarthmore's gain.

Success and prosperity to all in Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

It is from a busy little world that Alpha Delta sends greetings. At the end of our first week back in college life we find ourselves perfectly at home, with our work, and intensely excited in the five-weeks "rush," which we try, vainly I fear, to make a dignified way of learning to know the new girls. The Freshmen class is unusually large this year, and we are hoping to send a very interesting letter to the next number of the Journal.

Alpha Delta feels more keenly interested than ever in the sister chapters in the west, since one of her dearest girls, Frances Kerr, is in the alumnae chapter at Los Angeles, and another, Grace Simis, is in the active chapter at Minnesota. While we, in our turn, feel very much like saying "thank you" to Alpha for Vera McCabe, whom we are very happy to have with us.

Alpha Delta sends her love and best wishes for a happy and successful year to Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Alpha Epsilon wishes all Thetas a most successful and satisfying college year. The year has begun in earnest for us, and our time is well filled with studying and rushing. Several evenings we have had merry cosy times at different girls' homes, entertaining ten or a dozen Freshmen in a very informal way. On October fourth, we are going to give a little play to all the new girls. The entering class is

a large one for Brown, and contains some very promising girls, in whom we are naturally intensely interested. The results of our interest will be known in the next Journal. The inter-fraternity contract, which lasted last year until nearly the end of January, was changed this year, and consists merely of an "asking day," the fourth Friday in October, when all invitations are to be sent out. It is this date that we are anxiously waiting for, and if we succeed in winning all the girls we ask, we shall have a splendid delegation from the class of 1906.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

The gist of our present state, at the very beginning of the college year, is that we feel just lonely enough to keep within bounds the joy of our reunion. From the mountains, from the coast, from across the Atlantic, we have come back to Barnard rested, strong and enthusiastic, to begin the winter's work. There is not a break in the ranks of Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, which make up our little circle. And yet, even amid the hubbub of greetings and the thronging of Freshmen, we are conscious of the great void left by the Thetas and the good Senior friends who went away last June.

One of the things that we have spoken about particularly, is the death of Theta's Grand Treasurer. Miss Scott's residence in New York had made possible for us the privilege of welcoming her often to our meetings, and the enjoyment of her friendship and advice. Consequently the news which reached us in the midst of care-free summer days, came to each one with the shock of a personal loss.

For Barnard and for Alpha Zeta the outlook this year is favorable. In the hands of a dean, permanent and competent, college affairs are moving smoothly along. The metamorphosis of Fiske Hall from a dormitory into a science building, while greatly enlarging our opportunities for

work, still brings a regret which is not at all banished by the temporary dormitory in Whittier Hall.

As a chapter, we are cosily lodged in the corner of an apartment, which three of our chapter Thetas are holding as their domicile this year. The plan promises to give us great satisfaction.

Looking forward to what we believe is going to be a serene and prosperous winter, we send hearty greetings and best wishes to all Thetas.

Beta District

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Alpha is back in the ranks this year with her usual bright prospects and enthusiasm. Of course we had not realized it all—the fraternity, the friendships, the jolly times—until we “reminisced” about them in the summer months, and as the trains came rolling in three weeks ago, our mutual greetings were quite overwhelming.

The spike is over, the round of drives, dinners, teas, parties and all, is past, but success is wonderfully refreshing for “that tired feeling” that comes from many functions. Early Monday morning we pinned the black and gold on nine new girls. Our pledges are:

Julia Parr, Kokomo, Indiana; Ida Overstreet, Constance Wilkinson, Lennie Burner, Oolooah Burner, Greencastle, Indiana; Karoline Hammond, Los Angeles, California; Ferry Horton, Hortonville, Indiana; Florence Roach, Rushville, Illinois; Mary Ousler, Plainfield, Indiana.

There are seventeen of us “old girls,” and with the goodly number of twenty-six to start the year, we feel equal to anything.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

The opening of the fall term found Beta more than usually busy with moving and getting settled in our new

chapter house on Kirkwood Avenue, and now, at the end of the first week we begin to feel very much at home and quite like old residents. Boarding in the house, too, is delightfully homelike.

Our new home is more commodious and better suited in every way to the needs of a fraternity than the one we occupied during the last three years. When Bloomington people point out to us the first Theta chapter house, we smile and think of our new one, and it seems not entirely a dream of the impossible to hope that some day we may even have a horse and carriage of our own! The first week has, of course, brought us the usual pleasant social duties. Several parties have been given for the new girls.

The three girls who are now wearing the black and gold are:—Anna Weir, of Bloomington, Mary Hamilton, of Huntington, and Edith Alexander, of Logansport.

We begin the year with seventeen active members and every thing seems to promise a successful year for us. We extend to our sister chapters cordial greetings and good wishes.

GRACE SMITH.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

To all her sister chapters, Delta sends warmest greetings! With renewed enthusiasm and joy we returned to work this year, although our number is sadly disappointing, for besides our four seniors of last year, there are six of our girls who failed to return with us. One of these six, however, we hope to have with us the second semester. There are at present but nine girls left in the house.

The rushing season is on in full force. So well pleased were all with the contract of last year, that the interfraternity council again decided upon a contract, setting pledging day four weeks from the day school opened. There are many attractive and desirable girls among the freshmen this year, and although the other sororities are

perhaps doing things with more of a mad rush than we, yet we feel very confident. Our rushing this year has taken the form of fudge-parties and spreads at the house, informal dances, a nutting party, receptions and teas by patronesses and alumnae and drives about country and town.

Although we greatly miss our dear girls who did not return this year, we are happy in having with us Anna Pinkum of Psi and Isabella Fyfe of Eta chapter. Since school has reopened we have had very delightful visits from two of our last year's girls, Louise Brookings and Henrietta Pitts.

The engagement of Mary Kittrege to Mr. Robert Bruce Fulton of Phi Delta Theta, has been announced.

We hope to be able, in the next issue of the Journal, to introduce to our sisters, some new Thetas.

HELEN E. BULLARD.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Epsilon sends her heartiest greetings to all her sisters.

The new fall term has opened for us most happily and pleasantly. Never before has Wooster University welcomed so many new students and never before have her prospects been brighter. The work on our beautiful new buildings has progressed rapidly during the summer months. The Academy and Chemistry buildings are almost completed. Kanki Hall is being put under roof, the Biological building is above the second floor and the Heating Plant is in readiness for cold weather. With enthusiasm we have begun our work, feeling that our hopes for Greater Wooster are about to be realized.

Besides our two seniors, Ruth Bogardus and Grace Corbett, the latter of whom left us during the summer for her home in Chefoo, China, we miss from our number Harriette Townley and Jane Corbett. These girls have left vacancies which it will be hard to fill.

Last June, too late for the Journal letter, we initiated

Carrie McCulloch and we have not yet ceased congratulating one another.

Epsilon is always indebted to her resident Alumnae members. This year they seem to have taken more than a usual interest in us and we have truly appreciated it. Josephine Taylor opened her beautiful home to us and we spent a delightful evening getting acquainted with some of our new girls.

In the hope that the violent fall rushing will be abolished and that we will grow to know the new girls gradually and naturally, faculty action has prevented us from taking Freshmen before December; so for some months we will have no initiates to introduce to our sisters, but we wish you all a very happy and successful season.

ETA CHAPTER—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The flood gates of heaven have opened. The rains have descended, the lightning has flashed and the thunder rolled, our new tailor skirts have been ruined and our Puritan shoes plastered with mud, yet Michigan's daughters are glad to be back in her halls, happy in enthusiastic greeting] of each old friend, happy in quieter welcome of new comers. The campus, even though disfigured by building operations, is a beautiful spot to us who have loved it in years past and we are anxiously wondering whether the new Engineering building is going to spoil the diagonal walk.

Science Hall is not yet ready for occupancy to the great disappointment of the Medics, especially the class of 1903 who had cherished visions of sitting as stately seniors in the new amphitheater.

Eta was well represented several days before college opened and now we number eighteen active members and three pledges. Perhaps the latter are the more important for the moment and we are delighted to introduce Anna Mulharry of Detroit, Alice Ronthaller of Chicago and

Leila Love of Danville, Illinois. Three sisters who have not been with us during the past year are back again and in college—Olive Blanchard, Sina Smith and Grace Holmes, while four have left us—Laura Eames and Sybil Stewart by graduation, Isabelle Fyfe to take up a course in library work at the University of Illinois and Mary Stewart to spend this semester at her home in Saginaw. Each has left a niche which no one else can fill.

We feel somewhat as though the millenium had dawned for the dream of years is at last realized and we are having our meals in the house. Mrs. Wilson, our Lois' mother is our guide, philosopher and friend not to mention the important post of mistress of the house and of Florida, our buxom black cook. It all seems too good to be true. Charlotte Walker, 1901, who has been teaching for two years, registered in college this fall to our great delight but the temptation to teach was too strong and she has accepted a position in the Boys' University School of Detroit. We profited greatly by her presence here during the last three weeks and are looking forward to having her with us every Saturday and Sunday. Our various social functions must wait for another letter.

KAPPA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Kappa chapter began the year with the best possible outlook. Sixteen of last year's girls, filled with new life and enthusiasm, came back to take up their work again. The week of registration we spent in having a good time among ourselves, for we did no rushing this fall. Last spring we called a meeting of representatives of the sororities to see if we could agree upon a common asking day. Although we were unsuccessful, Kappa decided to follow the plan which she adopted last year—to do no rushing and to issue no invitations during the first few weeks of school. Our plan has certainly met with decided success. The first three weeks we spent in becoming acquainted with

the new girls in a quiet and natural way, and last Monday we issued our invitations. You may imagine our delight when the seven girls of our choice readily donned the black and gold. It is with a great deal of pride that we introduce to you our charming pledgelings whom we hope soon to make full fledged Thetas; Helen Smith and Hazel Fassler of Topeka, Kansas, Helen Alder and Alvena Wilhelmi of Lawrence, Kansas, Mary Johnson and Margaret Philbrook of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jennie Moore of Fort Scott, Kansas. We have invited guests to a dinner-dance to be given in honor of these new girls next Friday evening, October 4th, at the home of Professor and Mrs. Hodder.

On Saturday afternoon, September 20th, at the home of Nelle Wilhelmi, we gave a reception to the ladies of the Faculty and to all new students.

We are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Mrs. Abbot, the wife of our new professor of European History. Mrs. Abbott was formerly Miss Margaret Smith of Alpha Chapter, and was at one time Grand President of Theta. We are delighted with the prospect of having her with us.

Two of Kappa's girls were chosen to Phi Beta Kappa last spring, Martha Pittinger of Mansfield, Ohio, and Anna Harrison of Topeka, Kansas. Martha Pittinger is now teaching Latin in the Lawrence High School while Anna Harrison is doing post graduate work in Barnard College. We were much disappointed at not having Anna back with us this year, but we are glad that she is enjoying her life with Alpha Zeta.

Kappa is working to establish a Library fund in the memory of our dear May Sexton Agnew of '01 who died a year ago in Manila. We have raised \$400 toward our fund but we mean to increase it.

A new fraternity has been established here this fall among the men, known now as the Zeta Tau. At the first of the year, however, it will become a chapter of Sigma Alpha

Epsilon. This gives to the men of our University eight fraternities.

Our college opens this year with a larger enrollment than ever before. This may be partly due to our new Chancellor, Mr. Strong, who came to us this fall from the University of Oregon, bringing with him a great deal of energy and enthusiasm. Although he has been with us but three weeks, he has already won the hearts of the students. Extensive plans are now on foot for his inauguration which is to take place the middle of October. Our pride in our college is also quickened by the sight of the new Museum building, which is now towering up upon the campus. It is almost completed now and will soon be ready for dedication.

May the new school year be a bright and happy one to all chapters of Theta.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

Pi sends greetings to every chapter of Theta and hopes that all are as happy as she in the prospects for a successful year.

After three short months we again take up our college duties as joyfully as we laid them down, but our circle is not complete, for although we have a strong chapter and have not lost one iota of enthusiasm, we miss three of our last year's members—Misses White, Boonstra and Cole.

On the Saturday after college opened, every Theta made her appearance at the lodge "to pluck the spiders from their lofty nests" and to scrub and scour and wipe away the dust of summer, and what a transformation! From basement to garret not a speck of dirt was to be found. We then made our preparations for a six o'clock dinner to be given the next Tuesday evening, and to which nine little "Freshmaids" were invited. These with a few of our "old girls" and the active chapter enjoyed together an evening not soon to be forgotten.

We are looking forward to our asking day, which we hope will prove as fruitful to Theta this year as it did last.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Three months since we helped put things away and said good bye to each other. To those left behind it seemed as if it would be an eternity until September. But the summer is gone, rushing is over and we are once again at the routine of college work.

However, we were not separated long this summer, for our Omaha girls brought as many of us as possible together during the last of August. Such a good time as we had, it was one big house party from beginning to end and we talk about it still.

For the last few years, registration week has been known to Nebraska fraternity people as "rushing week" and almost all rushing is done during those few days and nearly all decisions are made and given by Saturday of that week. This year proved no exception but the kite flew high and Theta colors were pinned on every girl she asked. They are Freshmen to be proud of and we hope some of you at least may know them.

Mary Bediwell, and Zola Dellecker of Omaha; Joyce Broady and Edith Robbins of Lincoln; Martha Cline, Minden; Eva Brach, Hastings; Ethel Norval, Seward; Martha Post, Columbus; Marie Nettleton, Kansas City, Missouri and Madge Wilson, Lincoln. The last named, however, cannot be initiated this year.

Rho was unfortunate in not having "The House" ready for rushing this year. But on account of painting and papering it was not ready for use until the last of the week. We have the same house with its big yard and trees, which have grown so dear to us all. This fall we have added new furniture and rugs and it seems to us to be almost an ideal fraternity home. With ten girls and Miss Hayden, who is also a Theta, for chaperon, it is needless to say what

jolly times we have. It makes a town girl decidedly envious and to tell the truth we all spend more or less of our time there.

As to general college news, there seems to be little but foot-ball and our Chancellor. We are glad and proud to say we still have E. Benjamin Andrews at the head of the University, even though last spring he was offered twice his present salary by another college of the middle-west.

Our foot-ball team is promising. We have only had two games but have been victorious in these, however, the real test comes later and we are anxiously awaiting our turns with Minnesota, Wisconsin and North-Western. As the last two games are to be played on the Nebraska campus we earnestly hope that some of Psi and Tau girls will be loyal enough to accompany their foot-ball teams.

Each chapter has Rho's best wishes and we hope the year has started as prosperously for Theta the world over as it has for us in Nebraska.

TAU—NORTH-WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Tau chapter comes before you this year with a membership, in a large part new, but with the greatest possible encouragement for a prosperous year.

With the election of President Edmund J. James, the University world turns a bright face toward the future; for work under the new regime begins with renewed energy in the faculty as well as in the undergraduate school.

Especially is this feeling dominant in the sororities where a good spirit has been manifest all during the rushing season which was short and hard, but which has now closed pleasantly for all.

Though we began the season with but three active girls, by the invaluable assistance of our splendid alumnae and with the spirit which goes through our every undertaking, we immediately assured our position in the University by pledging ten Freshmen whom we take justifiable pride in

presenting to the fraternity at large. Virginia Miller, '03; Ruth Kimball, Elizabeth Douglass, Ruth Dale, Katharine Wilson, Edith Little, Edith Burrell, Mary Ristine and Edith Stuart, '06; and Helga Hangan, special.

During the formal installation of Dr. James, which occurs the 19th, 20th and 21st of October, Tau chapter will hold her annual chapter reunion and initiation. We propose to make this an occasion of unusual elaboration and importance and we will most cordially welcome any Tau girls who may find it convenient to be in Chicago at this time. In conclusion, we are glad to again express our satisfaction with our present good fortune and encouraging promise of future success, and to every Theta we extend our best wishes and a hope of all success and prosperity.

HELEN RUTH BALMER.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

September ninth saw the University of Minnesota open again with renewed enthusiasm. The campus boasts of two new buildings; one for the Department of Mining Engineering and one for the Physical Laboratories. Prospects are bright for foot-ball. Our wise old President, who commands the reverence of every student in the institution, is still with us. These things combine with the warm fall skies and the smell of brown oak trees to make Minnesotians light-hearted.

No one has a better right to be happy, however, than your sisters of Upsilon. Rushing has always been close and exciting at Minnesota, and this year with a new fraternity, Gamma Phi Beta, in the field, we have had to rush against five other chapters. Upsilon has come off with flying colors and presents, with joyful pride, eight pledge-lings: Helen Jane Aldrich, '04, of Denver, Colorado; Ruth Haynes and Agnes Glessner of Minneapolis; Bessie Dockstader and Adelaide Lamphere of St. Paul; Katherine Brewer of Marshall, Michigan; Harriet Shannon of Duluth,

Minnesota; Florence Parker of Faribault, Minnesota. Beside this list of one junior and seven freshmen, we have one more addition to our chapter life, Grace Sinnis, a senior from Baltimore has come to us this year.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Once again we are established for the year's work, and throngs of students move up and down University Hill.

The first week was a rainy one, making it difficult to impress the Freshmen with the beauties of our drives and the special merits of our climate. However, the town Alumnae gave us a welcome back, and made the week a pleasurable one in spite of the inclemency.

Mrs. Myer and Mrs. Stevens gave two exceedingly pleasant luncheons at their homes on University Heights. Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Whitson gave an evening party and Ruth Goe had an afternoon tea.

The new Lodge on University Avenue already seems like a home, and we are especially fortunate in having Mrs. Renger for a chaperone.

We are most pleased to present our pledgelings: Margorie Johnson, Ruth Goe, Edith Clark, Grace Wells, Margaret Taylor, Edna Clark and Blanche Fridd.

Three of our chapter who were not here last year, returned this fall, Ruth Stockman, Ethel Moore and Mirah Congden; so we are well content with the prospect of the coming year.

We send our greetings !

ETHEL STRONG.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

It promises to be extremely difficult just at this time for Alpha Gamma to write a letter which is dignified enough for publication in our Journal for the echoes of our suc-

cesses this fall are still ringing in our ears and, as we look at the six new girls who are wearing Theta pins, we feel that ink and paper are, extremely cold and unsatisfactory, and we long to take you all with us to "Kat attic" shouting vive la *K. A. T.* at the tops of our voices and show you our pansy buds and tell you all about the most successful year that Alpha Gamma has ever known. We have been trying each year to do less of the old fashioned "rushing," the bugbear of every Thetas fraternity life, and to make our methods of taking new girls more in keeping with the dignity of Kappa Alpha Theta. This year we did almost no "rushing" at all and now, every girl we wanted is wearing a Theta pin. There are six of them, an unusually large number for Alpha Gamma, but with them our active chapter numbers only twelve which is about the average we like to keep. These girls were by no means uncontested prizes but they were all pledged to us within three days of the time we issued our first invitation and now, at the end of the second week of school, our initiation is all over and Thetas new and old are settled down to work. We are beginning to believe that the less rushing we do the greater is our success and we hope the day is not far off when we will do none at all.

There were almost forty girls at our initiation and we went through with the dear old ritual with our hearts so full of happiness that even our little kite shaped pins seemed fairly to dance with joy and a desire to soar away and seek new worlds to conquer.

May you all be as happy as we are.

MARY MACMILLEN LOREN.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

We of Phi Chapter send greetings to our sister chapters and wish for them a year of success and happiness. For us the college year has fully begun and now that the

first few weeks of general excitement have passed we are getting down to serious work and study. Rushing season is past and we are about to add six Freshmen to our number. The usual six weeks rushing contract which has been used here for the past few years was this year supplanted by a three weeks contract. On the whole, this has proved very satisfactory, although our policy has been an extension rather than a shortening of the rushing season. Certainly the problem has not yet been solved here, and we would ask that the results of any experiments tried this year by other chapters, may be made known to us.

This summer many of us were fortunate in being able to meet the members of the Grand Council during their stay in California. In fact, California is becoming quite a meeting ground for Thetas from all parts of the country and we are more and more coming into personal contact with our eastern chapters.

The outlook for this college year is a very bright one. After our initiation, Phi Chapter will have twenty active members, all but two of whom will be living in the chapter house.

The new university buildings are progressing and it will not be long before the outer Quadrangle is completed. The dedication of the Memorial Chapel will occur sometime in November and ground is being broken for several other buildings.

Foot-ball is of all-absorbing interest now, and we are feeling very hopeful over the coming contest between California and Stanford. Omega, I suppose, will write in equal confidence of University California's success.

Omega and Phi have seen much of each other this year. We rejoice in the success with which our Berkeley Chapter has met as we do in our own. Our interests are very closely allied and we wish that all Chapters of Theta might be in as close relations as are those of the University of California and Stanford.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Omega sends greeting to all her sister Thetas, with the hope that their new year has opened as propitiously as hers.

Nearly all the girls have come back, and with an enthusiasm that has given an added strength to the chapter. The house is full to overflowing, and has the dearest chaperone in the world. From this you can hardly fail to see that our rushing must have been successful. We have several splendid girls pledged and hope in the near future to introduce them to you as loyal Thetas.

We are especially fortunate this year in the number of Thetas who have come to visit us. Miss Cummings, Miss Dodge and Miss Cavarly came in upon us, all the way from Cornell. How good it did feel to give them the Theta grip! We only wished that they might have been with us longer. Flora Pope too, came to us from Delta. We anticipated having her with us for a year at least, but our nice air castle came to nothing,—for she had to go to Southern California after a month. Edna Wilde '03 has left a large place empty in the chapter for she was one of our strongest girls.

Lalla Harris, Amy Furlong and Agnes Arneill, three of our alumnae, are with us again.

But now let us turn from the narrower sphere of our own chapter to that of the college world. This year we have welcomed Chi Omega into the Greek world at Berkeley. The Gamma Phi Beta convention was held here in August. While the delegates were here we had the pleasure of meeting them several times, as all the fraternities entertained for them. Several of the fraternities have been building new houses,—Alpha Phi, Pi Beta Phi, and Alpha Beta Sigma. Delta Upsilon is about to build a splendid \$25,000 house. In a short time, the fraternity houses will be among the handsomest in town.

September 19th was the occasion of great festivity in college circles. The Prytaneans gave a Japanese garden

fete for the benefit of the Students' Hospital fund. All the decorations and costumes were carried out in the Japanese. It was most successful both socially and financially.

On October 1st the corner stone of the new Mining Building was laid. It was a red letter day in the history of the University, as this is the first building to be erected for the Greater University.

In Memoriam

Chi Chapter

Ada Marie Lucas,
Died—July 14th, 1902.

Evelyn Johns Taylor,
Died, June 23d, 1902.

*“Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory
everlasting.”*

PERSONALS

The engagement of Miss Adelaide Hoffman, the worthy President of Alpha District, and Mr. Walter Taylor Marvin, is announced. Mr. Marvin is connected with the department of Philosophy at Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Grace Vance, Alpha Gamma '98, is teacher of Latin in the High School at East Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Grace Young, Alpha Gamma 1900, has been visiting Columbus friends.

Josephine Barnaby, Alpha Gamma '96, has been elected assistant principal of the High School at East Cleveland, Ohio.

Austa Kelly, Alpha Gamma, is teaching in East Cleveland this year.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Sarah Jenney Gilbert, Iota ex 1902, to Ward Dix Kerlin, Beta Theta Pi, at Devon, Pennsylvania, on the 2nd of September, 1902.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Janet Sheldon, Iota ex, 1894, to Theodore Frelinghuysen Collier in Buffalo on July 17th, 1902.

Isabelle Givan Robertson, Iota ex 1902, has accepted a position as teacher of Biology in the Williamsburg High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

May Bentley, Omega '01, has been appointed General Secretary for the Berkeley Y. W. C. A.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Price, nee Elizabeth Hoyt, have just returned from an extended stay abroad. Mrs. Price was formerly a member of Omega chapter.

The engagement of Grace Boggs, Omega '02, to Robert Ray Service, '02 Psi Upsilon, has been announced.

Edna Wilde, Omega '03, has accepted a position as teacher of English and Mathematics in St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Oregon.

Julia Morgan, Omega '94, is working on the Sather

Memorial Gate. This is a part of the Greater University plans.

Mary Powell, Omega '03, has returned to Berkeley after a year's absence in Europe.

Grace Jenks, Mu '02, is teaching in the High School at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Jess Williams, Mu '03, spent her vacation on the Pacific Coast, and made a flying visit to the Kappa Alpha Theta house at Stanford University.

Jennie Brawley, Mu '02, spent her vacation in Alaska.

Mabel Confer, one of Mu's loyal members, of Oil City, has announced her engagement to Mr. Chase, of Warren, Ohio.

Ida Evans, Alpha Delta '02, is assisting in the Chemistry department of the Woman's College.

Carrie VanDoren, Alpha Delta, ex '03 will be married to Mr. Albert Banister, of Rosville, N. J., on the eighth of October.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Cole, Pi ex '04 of Morenci, and Mr. Charles Darwin, Sigma Chi, of Detroit, is announced. Miss Cole is spending the year studying in Berlin.

In October occurs the marriage of Miss Blanche Williams, Pi '01, and Mr. Guy Aldrich '01, Michigan Agricultural College.

Miss Ada Rogers, Pi ex '01 was married September 17th to Dr. F. L. Smith, '02 University of Michigan.

Miss Helen Temple, Pi ex '02, was married in August to Dr. Frank Smith, '02 University of Michigan.

Mrs. Lotta Page Clark, of Chicago, one of Pi's loyal members, announces the birth of a daughter.

Lena Hunt, Pi '01 has returned to Portland for her second year as teacher of Languages.

Miss Ronie Adair White, Pi '02 Conservatory, has accepted a position as church soloist in West Branch, and will teach vocal and instrumental music.

Miss Maude Boonstra, Pi ex '03, will spend the year at her home in Zeeland.

The engagement is announced of Anna Williams, Alpha Gamma '99 to Mr. Gould Murfin, a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy. The wedding will take place in December.

The engagement is announced of Helen Powell, Alpha Gamma '98 to Mr. William McLaughlin, a former O. S. U. student, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Hilda Weber Alpha Gamma, has gone to Wellesley for her Senior year.

Mrs. Harry Miller, Annis McLaughlin, Alpha Gamma, who is living in Portsmouth, has been visiting in Columbus.

Miss Mary James, Epsilon, has accepted the position of Warden of Pembroke West, Bryn Mawr.

Perla Bowman Gibbs, Alpha Gamma, has gone with her husband to the University of Texas, where Mr. Gibbs holds the chair of Agriculture.

The wedding of Edith Hunter, Alpha Gamma '98, and Mr. Merton Hipple, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, took place October 9th.

Mrs. George Marting, Anna Harris of Eta, is now making her home in Columbus, O.

Mrs. Frank Landacre, Frances Yaesell, has a daughter, born in September.

Miss Florence Durstine, Alpha Gamma, of New York, has been visiting Columbus friends.

Katherine Andrews, Alpha Gamma, has been elected Fellow in Chemistry at the Ohio State University.

Gertrude Bellows, Alpha Gamma '02, has accepted a position in the Registrar's office at the Ohio State University.

Bessie Smith, Tau '00, and Carl King, Delta Upsilon, of the same class, were married in July, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Irene Graves Tau, ex '02, and Harold Bennett, Phi Delta Theta of Minnesota, were married in May, 1902.

Agnes Hayden, Tau '01, has accepted a position in the department of the Registrar at Northwestern.

Lalla Harris, Omega '94, is now teaching at Miss Head's School, Berkeley.

Lulu Huntington, Chi ex '00, and Dr. Louis Pulsifer, Beta Theta Pi, were married this summer.

Mabel Howe, Chi ex '03, and Clare Mabel, were married September 2.

Mrs. Ollie Ross Walsh, Chi, is in Europe.

The engagement is announced of Kathryn Brundage, Chi '04, to Walter Clark Dean.

On July 22, Mary Holmes, Chi, ex '99 and Dr. Charles W. Richards, were married.

Cora Soper, Chi '02, is teaching in Gouverneur, N. Y.

Married—September ninth, Ida Hopkins, a member of Chi chapter, to Harry Seth Chamberlain.

Iva Lowther Peters, Chi '01, and Helena Evans, Chi '01, spent the summer in Europe.

Katherine Tracy, Chi '03, announces her engagement to Edward Cosgrove Ryan, Phi Delta Theta.

Laura Cowan, Chi '02, was married on August 25 to John Otis Wilson.

Carrie Douglass, Chi '02, is teaching Mathematics and Sciences in Bennington, Vt.

Chi was represented in the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay, by Grace Baird, '04 and Elizabeth Tennant, ex '04.

Mabel Ramsay, Chi '02, is teaching music in Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.

Lucille Baldwin, Chi '02, is to be an assistant in the English department of Syracuse University, this year.

The marriage of Mary Broomell, Alpha Beta, '92 to James D. Hull, both of Baltimore, took place in June. Mrs. Hull now lives in the college with her husband, who is superintendent of Swarthmore.

Caroline L. Hawke, Alpha Beta, 1900, is acting as registrar of Swarthmore college.

Mary Hawke, Alpha Beta '02, and Annie S. Hawke,

'03, are living in the village with their family, who have just moved from Piedmont, Ala.

Alpha Beta has had great pleasure in meeting Miss Ruth Appleton of Alpha Epsilon, who has been visiting her uncle Dr. Wm. Hyde Appleton, Professor at Swarthmore.

Susan E. Atkinson, Alpha Beta, 1901, of Kentucky, has been spending a month visiting in and around Philadelphia.

Mary Pierce, Alpha Beta ex '98, of Washington, D. C., recently visited at the college.

Fannie Smith, Lambda '99, was married on Wednesday, July the second, to Mr. Walter Webster of Shelburne, Vt.

Bessie Wright, Lambda '94, was married on Wednesday September the third, to Mr. Winfield. Mr. and Mrs. Winfield are at home in Bigelow, Maine.

Ruth Norton, Lambda '96, and Mr. Fred Roberts of Shelburne, Vt., were married on Wednesday, October the first.

Mabel Nelson, Lambda, '98 is teaching at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Mabel Brownell, Lambda '01, is traveling in Europe.

Alice Derby, Lambda '02, is teaching at Barre.

Geneva Jones, Lambda, has returned to college after a year's absence.

Juliet Harris, Psi '95 visited at the chapter house during the first week of October. She has been traveling through the Western States the past few months.

Leanore Connor, Psi '95, has returned from a visit in Berkeley, California, to resume her work in the Madison High School.

Word has been received from Winifred Sercomb, Psi, who has been living in the Philippines the past year, that she will spend part of the coming year in Japan.

Prof. Austin and wife, Laura Austin, Psi '97, will remain in Berlin, Germany, another year. Prof. Austin having accepted a position in the University.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Stevens announce the arrival

of a son on August 7th. Mrs. Stevens is one of Psi's most loyal alumnae.

Announcement was received of the marriage of Grace Gage Cloes, Psi '99, to Horace Stedman. They will live in Berlin, Wisconsin.

Rev. H. Jacobs and wife, Belle Austin, Psi, will do College Settlement Work in Milwaukee this year. The work is in charge of the University of Wisconsin.

The State of Wisconsin sends Hattie Beele Merrell Psi '91, to South America, for three months study of crustacea.

Blanche Brigham, Psi '00, is taking work for her master degree in the University of Wisconsin.

Kate Buell, Psi '01, and Olga Mueller, Psi '93, have been studying this summer at Vancouver Island.

Eta has gained five brothers since the last letter, and we only wish all of them would be seized with the desire to accompany their wives back to Eta's home: Mabel Gale, Mrs. Albert B. Lowrie, Detroit; Martha Chadbourne, Mrs. Alden H. Brown, Boulder, Colorado; Sue Patterson, Mrs. James Noble, Taylorsville, Mississippi; Anna Harris, Mrs. George H. Marting, Columbus, Ohio; Dorothea Roth, Mrs. Walter Heineman, traveling in Europe.

Maude Philips, Eta '01, is teaching in the public schools of Los Angeles.

Alice Wadsworth, Eta, holds a position in the Joliet, Illinois High schools.

Winifred Crane, Eta, is in one of New York City's High Schools.

Jane Pollack, Eta '01, is teaching in the Riverside High School near Chicago.

Our loving sympathy goes out to Julia Benson, Eta '00, whose father died during the summer. Dr. Benson was at the time of his death, Emeritus Professor of the Latin language and Literature in Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and greatly beloved by his old pupils.

Augusta Flintom, Kappa '02, has received a scholar-

ship in the Chicago School of Music, and will leave soon to take up her work there.

Louise Smith, Kappa '02 has returned to the university to do post-graduate work.

Winifred Everingham, one of Kappa's Seniors of last year, is teaching mathematics in the Topeka High School.

Helen Calhoun, Kappa chapter, who was forced to leave the university last winter on account of her health, has returned this fall to complete her course.

Mary Barnette and Maude Bates have returned to the university to continue their work after an absence of two years. Kappa is glad to have them with her as active workers again.

Last June, at her home in Fort Scott, Ethelyn Rice, Kappa, was married to Lieutenant Haskell.

We regret exceedingly that Anna Rankin, one of Kappa's strong senior girls of this year, is not able to resume her work in the University on account of illness.

Martha Pittinger, Kappa '02 is teaching Latin in the Lawrence High School.

Francis Babcock, Kappa, is spending the year traveling in Europe.

Laura Grahani, Kappa, who was with us last year is teaching in Florence, Kansas.

Kappa has already enjoyed visits from two Thetas, whom she counted among her numbers last year, Maud Brown of Ottawa, and Cora Moore of Holton, Kansas.

Daisy Dixon, Kappa '99 is teaching Latin in Friends' College, Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Davis, Kappa, nee Marie Nelson, has re-entered the university for special work. We are glad to have her with us again.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hadley of Kansas City, Missouri, has been brightened by the birth of a son. Mrs. Hadley was formerly Agnes Lee, Kappa '99.

The marriage of Lou Havens, Kappa, to Mr. Sam

Jackman, Phi Delta Theta, will take place soon in London, England. Both young people are from Minneapolis Kansas.

Sue Barnwell, Phi, '01, has charge of the work in history and drawing in the Glendale Union high school.

Katherine Winans has returned after a year's absence spent in travel.

Ada Edwards of Phi, has come to take charge of the gymnasium in the Marlborough School.

Helen Shields, Beta, '92, has gone abroad to pursue her studies in vocal music.

Dorothea Roth was married June twenty-fifth to Mr. Walter S. Heineman, at Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Heineman are now traveling in Europe.

Helen Vinyard, Phi, '01, spent the vacation in Seattle, Washington.

Ada Heineman, Phi, '02, and Isabel Godin, Omega, '01, are teaching in Los Angeles.

Exchanges

It may be of interest to the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta to know what the other fraternities that were represented at the Inter-Fraternity Conference in Chicago last May, have been doing in regard to the recommendations that were made by that conference. We clip the following:

The Inter-Sorority Conference and its work received a consistent amount of attention from the convention; and the provisional adoption of its recommendation shows Delta Delta Delta ready to do her part toward bettering the present disapproved conditions. The report of that conference which appears in this issue of *THE TRIDENT*, will be of interest to all members of the fraternity. The object of the conference past, and of others to be, is to put the much mooted questions of pledging and rushing on a rational basis, and otherwise provide for the welfare of the national sororities, by making their inter-relations as friendly as possible. The purpose is laudable, and it would seem that much benefit must accrue from the system of conferences which has been instituted.

It was voted, at the convention, that the report be ratified, and its articles be "incorporated in our constitution, as soon as ALL the other national sororities shall have accepted them."

—*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*

We would especially call the attention of all our chapters to the report of the Inter-Sorority Conference held in Chicago last month. The subject of rushing is at present one of the most vital in the history of every fraternity. The chapter which has reduced the ills of rushing to a minimum is fortunate, indeed. Too much serious attention cannot be given to the subject.

—*The Anchor of Delta Gamma.*

The work of the conference is best shown by the minutes, to which we ask very careful attention, but its most noticeable and hopeful feature was the general agreement of the delegates upon all essential points, and their serious interest in the whole movement. If only each chapter of the several fraternities represented will enter into this movement as earnestly and seriously as did the delegates at the conference, results which shall eventually prove beneficial to all, are sure to follow.

From the discussions of the various questions brought up at the conference, it became very apparent that if the suggestions made were adopted by the sororities it would mean some sacrifices on the part of individual chapters in all the sororities. We hope that every chapter of Alpha Phi will study this matter in its broadest aspects, considering the best interests of the fraternity system as a whole, and willing, if necessary, to give up some cherished customs and petty advantages for the greater good of all college women.

The suggestions made by the conference will be acted upon at our convention next October, and each chapter should give its delegate careful instructions as to every detail. Perhaps the most important issues are embodied in the first motion by which all bidding is postponed until at least three months after matriculation and pledging in secondary schools is completely done away with, but every suggestion is important and should be studied in all its aspects. Let us loyally second our president and General Board in this important movement.

—*The Alpha Phi Quarterly.*

It certainly seems as if some radical reform in rushing methods is necessary if the fraternities are to keep their self-respect. The sooner the present undignified scramble is done away with the better for all parties concerned. That this could best be accomplished by action of the governing bodies of the several fraternities was recognized by Alpha

Phi, when she called for the meeting of delegates from all the national fraternities, the report of which is recommended to the chapters for careful consideration. Of course such a report has absolutely no binding force, but it is valuable as an expression of opinion by delegates who were authorized, though for the most part uninstructed.

Such a report, moreover, furnishes an excellent basis for the discussion by each chapter, which is necessary before any official action can be taken. In order that we may all have a chance to express our views and also to see those of others, the ARROW requests that each chapter's contribution to the January ARROW be a clear statement of opinion on this report, such statement to be a composite of the chapter's ideas and not the individual opinion of the secretary.

To secure uniformity it is therefore recommended that the report be discussed in some chapter meeting before December first, with the following questions in mind.

1. Are the recommendations of the delegates broad enough to meet the needs of your chapter?
2. Would these or similar regulations work hardship to your chapter, and if so, how would you wish to see them modified?
3. Are the time and method of extending invitations the best that can be selected?
4. Would such lengthening of the time before invitations simply prolong the period of getting acquainted and the objectionable social features belonging to it?
5. Does the definition of "rushing" meet your approval?
6. Is there any chapter in your college which you fear would not keep the spirit as well as the letter of the regulations if adopted?

The importance of chapter discussion of this report will be seen when we remember that any set of rushing regulations can properly go into effect only when agreed to in good faith by every chapter of every fraternity. It must

of course be borne in mind that it is quite possible to modify them to almost any extent in the case of any particular college, by mutual agreement of every chapter in that college. Undoubtedly it would be an excellent plan to have called in each college a Pan-Hellenic meeting which should submit to the governing bodies of the respective fraternities a definite statement of such modifications and additions to the rules suggested in the report as they would be willing to bind themselves by.—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

The sixteenth national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma met at Ann Arbor in July. The details of the action of the convention at this and following meetings can hardly find place in a general report, but two or three decisions are of wider importance than internal management and show the general policy of the fraternity. The membership of Kappa women in Omega Psi, is not to be allowed in the future; that is, no members may hereafter join the inter-fraternity organization, though of course the standing of those already having joined is not affected. The establishment of a sinking fund to meet possible future emergencies points to the sound financial policy which the grand council has upheld through its past administration and bids fair to continue in this since the personnel of the council was not materially changed by the elections. Another very interesting matter was presented to the consideration of the convention through Miss Anna Hitchcock, of Philadelphia, who offered the fraternity a hundred dollars toward the establishment of a twelve hundred dollar fund for a table or scholarship at Wood's Hall, or some similar place. The scholarship would be offered at those colleges and universities where the fraternity has active chapters, but would be open to all properly qualified non-fraternity undergraduates as well as to fraternity members. This plan has already been tried with success at the University of Pennsylvania, of which Miss Hitchcock is an alumna, and the enthusiasm of the convention seems to show that the fra-

ternity as a whole is in favor of standing for some such connection with purely academic advancement. The whole subject was referred to a committee with power to act, from whom the individual chapters will hear in the near future. Perhaps one of the most striking new features of the sixteenth convention was Alumnae Day, the program for which is given below:

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. "The College Woman in Literary Clubs,"
Leader, MINNETTA T. TAYLOR
2. "The College Woman in Practical Life,"
Leader, CORA BENNETT STEVENSON
3. "Our Alumnae Association,"
Leader, MINNIE ROYSE WALKER
4. "The Province and the Possibilities of the Alumnae Association,"
Leader, FLORENCE WALKER
5. "What Should be the Character of Alumnae Association Meetings,"
Leader, KATHERINE LUCAS JOHNSON
6. "Alumnae Help for Chapters,"
Leader, AVERY TRASK
7. "The Fraternity's Policy of Extension,"
Leader, IDA BONNELL OTSTOTT
8. "How can the Fraternity be sure to have Officers Capable and Well Informed?"
Leader, MARY D. GRIFFITH
9. "Should Officers be Chosen for a Period of Four Years?"
Leader, MINNIE ROYSE WALKER
10. "The Alumnae and the Key,"
Leader, LUCY ALLEN SMART
11. "The Relation of Alumnae to the Establishment of Chapter Houses,"
Leader, FLORENCE ELLIS WEISSERT
12. "Should not Sec. 4, Art. IV, of the Constitution be Changed?"
Leader, HELEN DUNHAM
13. "The Endowment of a Kappa Table at Wood's Hall."
Leader, MARY D. GRIFFITH

—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

“ It seems to the Editor that there is a growing and an urgent demand that each chapter have an Alumni Secretary. Every chapter in the fraternity probably experiences more or less difficulty in keeping thoroughly alive the interest of the graduate after he has left college and become engrossed in the sterner realities of the world. There should be some practical way of keeping the Alumni and the undergraduates in close touch with each other. This would be the function of the Alumni Secretary. His duty would be to keep all Alumni records ; to report regularly to the Alumni the doings and the condition of his chapter ; to inform the chapter of the achievements and successes of its members, and to be the medium through whom every communication between the chapter and the alumni should be made. He should be some one who loves the work for the pleasure it gives him and for the good he can do. We think that if each chapter would at once choose its Alumni Secretary and keep him accurately informed of everything the chapter does or is contemplating, that he in turn may keep the alumni informed, any aid or assistance which the chapter should desire from the alumni would be more surely and more cheerfully given. No one will aid a cause of which he knows nothing—no one will contribute toward an enterprise in which he has no personal interest. If the Alumnus seems inactive or disinterested, the real cause will most often be found to lie with his chapter. There are or should be many ways in which the Alumnus could be kept at all times interested in his chapter and in everything Phi Gamma Delta, and we believe the Alumni Secretary, if he did his duty conscientiously and willingly, could go a long way toward accomplishing this end. The needs of each chapter are different—the conditions existing among the alumni of one chapter are not the same as those of another. No definite rules, as to the exact duties and the manner of doing them, can be formulated that would meet the needs of each individual chapter. Each chapter must solve this problem for itself ; each chapter must make its own appeal

to its alumni. But we think there is one means of securing sure success, and that is through the Alumni Secretary."

—*The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

Every phase in the development of fraternity life and experience brings out advantages and disadvantages which do not become apparent until experience has taught their real meaning and effect. There can be no doubt about the advantages of chapter-house life where all the members of a chapter room in the same house and take their meals in common. The advantages are overwhelmingly greater than the disadvantages when viewed from the fraternity standpoint. They are not so apparent, however, when viewed from the standpoint of the college at large or the students who are not fraternity members. The existence and occupation of fraternity houses relieves the college authorities from the necessity of providing so much dormitory room; that is one great advantage to the college. It tends more and more, however, to separate the fraternities from the great body of students and to designate them as a class apart from such body, with peculiar attributes, distinctions and customs. In many places the fraternities have been wise and have accented this phase of the situation as little as possible, providing frequent social entertainments at the different houses to which members of other chapters and other fraternities are freely invited and from which the general body of students are not excluded to any greater degree than a private individual would exclude persons from a similar entertainment when he had no personal acquaintance with them. In some places, however, the fraternities have not been wise in managing this matter. Their social entertainments have been purposely made exclusive of a large body of eligible social material in the college and every effort has apparently been made to accentuate and make distinctive fraternity membership as a feature of their college life. This produces a sense of the most irritating and exasperating exclusion in

the minds of the neutrals which is not only natural under the circumstances, but is fully justified by them. Our purpose in calling attention to the matter is to warn some of our chapters who seem to be developing a tendency in this direction against its continuance. The existence of this spirit and the hostility to it is undoubtedly the cause for the anti-fraternity legislation which has been enacted recently in some few of the southern states. To speak in the language of the street, the fraternity men not only make an endeavor to show the non-fraternity element that they are socially better than the latter, but they rub the situation in with all the ingenuity which a boyish (and sometimes a girlish) love of teasing can devise. Princeton College would be a welcome field for the fraternities to-day had not this spirit been carried to an extreme in the forties and fifties, when the men, who are now controlling the destinies of that institution were students at Princeton, were not in the social swim and were made to feel that they were not most intensely.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

There is a real danger to a chapter when it takes in "one-year men." By these are meant the fellows who come to college knowing that they will be there but a single year. In the nature of events, a chapter will get a certain number of new men during the early months of the college term, and when that certain number is obtained there is the chance only for very occasional increases in the chapter roll. If there are several men among the new initiates who will not be in college during the year after initiation, it is easy to see how the chapter is handicapped. The next commencement will send away the graduating members of the chapter, and also the undergraduates who have ended their period of college life. Thus the succeeding college year opens with a weakened chapter, and in a few years of such work the chapter's very existence may be threatened. Moreover, the one year man does not become sufficiently woven into the chapter life to make a good alumnus.

He is generally one who is trying to crowd all he can in an educational way into a single year, and the indescribable college and fraternity atmosphere does not permeate his being as it does the man who is going through college in the good old four-year way. When he goes out into the real whirl of life, with its struggles and strife, he carries no deep memories of his fraternity ties; he has no sense of obligation to any set of men for the precepts and brotherly encouragements given him. He is, paradoxically, the man who has been to college, but is not a college man—the man who has joined a fraternity, but is not a fraternity man.

—“*The Caduceus*” of *Kappa Sigma*.

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